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d-grader Michael Picetti and his preschool brother, Daniel,

Kensington fights library cuts

KENSINGTON — The sign seen from the roadway reads, "'Library Crisis: Write Gov/Legislature," and if you aren't sure just what the crisis is, two large posters will spell it all out for you before you get inside the door of the Kensington Public Library.

The bottom line? A 30 percent reduction in the county's budget may result in a 60 percent reduction in hours for the Kensington

facility.

"It's a worst-case scenario,"
said Branch Librarian Maya Kennedy, who heads the Kensington
library staff. But Phase I cuts have
already occurred, and though
Phase II cuts are yet to come,
things don't look good. County li-

brarian Anne Marie Gold has been asked to come up with a pared-down budget, said Kennedy, who sympathizes with her: "It's not an decision to make at all.

sympathizes with her: "It's not an easy decision to make at all."

Kennedy receives reports from Gold every few days on the latest budget updates.

Currently, according to Kennedy, the worst-case county scenario would mean: a system-wide reduction in branch hours by 39 percent, with two branches closed entirely (Crockett and Rodeo); a reduction in the materials budget (book purchases) by 40 percent; a reduction in staff of 46 percent (translating to a lay-off of 149 employees — 63 percent management, 44 percent nonmanagement); a \$10 fee for inter-

library loans (out of the system book loans, which currently cost \$.25); the elimination of bookmobile service and library service to jails; the curtailing of the literacy program, the end of the reference service, and the elimination of most, if not all, children's programs.

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The Kensington library, now open 40 hours (four full days and two half days) each week, would only be open twice weekly. It would be "paired" with the El Cerrito Public Library, which would be open three days a week. The facilities would share staff.

"It would actually be a larger staff than we have now, because El Cerrito is bigger," said Kennedy. "But we'll be a lot busier if

we're trying to cram more into only two days."

Kensington's residents aren't just accepting the situation, however. The Friends of the Kensington Library appeared before the county's Board of Supervisors last week with petitions the group had circulated filled with the names of citizens protesting the proposed cuts.

It was easy for organizers of the protest to find supportive library users, especially since some branches with less usage will be open from three to five days per week, prompting the petition statement that Kensington appeared to be "disproportionately penalized."

Albany council endorses astshore State Park bill

Council members oncerned about Abany's fair share

convinced the resolution as proposed would endanger passage of the bill, he

said.
"The East Bay Regional Park District does not want to be bound by specifics tying down the money," Brodsky said. "We should support the bill, get it passed and not encumber the district with re-

strictions."

The Three City Coalition, which has been meeting since 1990 to foster cooperation of an Eastshore State and and operation of an Eastshore State and and where to spend the \$40 million in mibble park money to the East Bay Remal Park District.

Rough they staunchly supported the liverall, council members were at odds whether inclusion in their endorsement it teommendations made in a joint exment by Albany, Berkeley and Emergia, called the Three City Coalition, midjeopardize the bill's success.

This is not something I just dreamed said Councilmember Mike Brodsky moved to have references to the Three Coalition agreement taken out of the seed resolution. After discussions Citizens for an Eastshore State Park Assemblyman Bates' office, he was



AB754 would set up procedures for formation of a state park along the eastern shoreline.

ool operating costs

L CERRITO - The Friends El Cerrito Pool were ready lent to present a proposal to gular meeting of the city's and Recreation Commission

proposed Oct. 1 to April 30 le would include 30 hours ekly lap swimming hours, lurs scheduled for masters tas scheduled for masters set, and 4 hours for team Class schedules would be a to-be-arranged basis. At the hours would be available and Sundays for lap

roup has proposed to share tween lap/masters swimdcity-sponsored activities 80/20 split. Swimmers 30/20 split. Swimmers ree to pay \$53,034 of the cost; the City of El Cerd pay \$13,179, from re-

s would pay the city sev-monthly installments of

Cording to the proposal, Cal-Bank at El Cerrito Plaza has

offered the group a free interest-bearing checking account; the bank would receive and keep re-cords of deposits and payments, issuing monthly statements. The bank would also assist with mass mailings and any fund-raising with the Chamber of Commerce and The Plaza Merchants Association.

The suggested fee system involves \$125/month for four company employees, \$100/month for families of three or more, \$40/month for individuals, and \$32.50/month for a 10-swim punch card.

One-time only tick-terms.

punch card.
One-time only tickets would also be offered and would offset City revenue requirements.
The El Cerrito Community Center Swimming Pool has been managed by the City of El Cerrito since it opened in 1962. Historically, it has been open 50 weeks out of the year.
According to Beth Bartke, community services administrative assistant, the staff has "signif-

community services administra-cive assistant, the staff has "signif-icant concerns" regarding the group's proposal. Further meet-ings with Community Services di-rector Joel Witherell are scheduled when he returns Monday from his vacation.

ity, users may share Waiting for word from Sacramento

Kensington puts budget-building on hold for now

By Dawn Frasieur

KENSINGTON — While many KENSINGTON — While many cities around the state have set their budgets for the upcoming year and are now crossing their fingers that state budget decisions will not drastically alter their own, the unincorporated town of Kensington has decided it might as well wait.

How the state balances its budget will have a direct impact on the future of the town, so the Kensington Community Services District has opted to wait until August to formulate a budget.

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According to Police Chief Jim Bray, also the district's general manager, there's enough money available to keep the district going for about eight months. The funds come from a special \$90 per household police services tax, carry-over monies from property taxes and contingency monies.

"When that's gone, we're gone," he said.

The next step is to determine

what kind of augmentation taxes and other sources are available to the district. One source, for example, might be a tax on utilities, which Bray said had been discussed to some extent by the county's board of supervisors, though without much detail.

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Asked if the Kensington Police Department might fold (should state and county cuts be drastic), Bray said, "We'll have all the op-tions available to us," then men-tioned three of several possibili-

"We may have to go back to the voters of Kensington to see if we can raise the (police services) tax.
"We are looking at that possi-

bility."
Bray said he needs a \$1.2 million budget this year to support the police force (10 officers), a recreation director and two part-time Public Works employees (responsible for gardening and maintenance).

A second possibility would be to fold the department and depend

on the county sheriff's office.

But another option has appeared in the last few weeks. Bray has met with representatives of EI Cerrito, San Pablo and Richmond who have been considering the possibility of a joint police force.

The idea is still in the preliminary stages of discussion; even if the joint police force does become a reality in the future, Bray isn't sure how Kensington might fit in.

Joint dispatching efforts, for ex-

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Fire chief grapples with fund cuts

KENSINGTON -Chief Sam Treese, who administers the Kensington Fire District, is also looking carefully at state budget negotiations and the resulting county funding

cuts.

Treese said he needs a minimum of \$925,000 to keep the Kensington Fire Station open. That would pay for a minimum number of firefighters (nine) and all the necessary components of the station's operation that add up in dollars: forms for paperwork, lights in the station, gas in the engines, contractual

obligations (such as a dispatching fee contracted to the City of Richmond).

What it would not include is a fire chief, he said. That amount would not cover any administrative staff at all.

Someone besides Treese would need to coordinate the fire district's efforts.

A special session of the fire assessment district board was

assessment district board was planned for the end of this week to take action to increase the assessment now paid by Kensing-ton's residents. Presently, the ton's residents. Presently, the fire tax is \$83. The board is anticipating state budget decisions that will force major funding cuts by the Contra Costa County; cuts already projected by the county administration would apply to all special fire districts, he said. And as for Kensington, "the department would shut down." "We rely on the state for AB8 money," said Treese, who said that it looks like half of that contribution may be cut. This year, that source accounted for \$551,000 of Kensing.

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Letters

Police record

On Friday night, June 26, six 19-year-olds, five 15-and 16-year-olds, one 14-year-old and one 12-year-old were engaged in a game called ditch at Cerrito Vista Park. Ditch is a kind of tag game where team members have rescue teams. These people all attend schools in this area, except for two who attend universities outside this area.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., three police officers approached some of the people and asked them to leave the park because the neighbors had complained about noises. As they proceeded to call in their friends, there still remained one person who had not come in. The officers, in a threatening tone, demanded the 12 people to leave immediately and informed them they would take care of the missing person. They were prohibited from calling in their friend. When one friend did call out his friend's name, the officers verbally forced him to leave the park.

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The officers who placed themselves in the center area of Cerrito Vista, with flashlights in hand, spotted an individual about 20 to 30 feet away, running toward them. The officers remained quiet and did not announce or identify themselves. Their flashlight beams remained focused on the approaching person. The student, never having been informed that the game had been stopped, kept running toward the officers thinking they were his friends. Because the flashlight beams had blinded him, he collided into an officer, knocking both him and the officer to the ground. Two officers tackled the student and restrained him while placing handcuffs around his wrists. He was told he was under arrest. This is the manner in which the El Cerrito police "took care" of the missing person. At no time was he informed of his rights. He was taken to the El Cerrito police station and while being detained he was not permitted a phone call nor was he allowed to receive a phone call, including the one a friend had made to the police station. During the student's interrogation, one of the officers commented that if he had been the one run into, he would be surprised if the student himself would be standing. This comment by an officer was left out of the statement turned into police. At the present time the student has a police record which states he "tackled" a police officer.

The police harassed and terrified this citizen of El

police officer.

The police harassed and terrified this citizen of El Cerrito. At this moment I have serious concerns about the actions of these police officers. I don't believe the police should be regarded as fearful beings. I have always had respect for the brave and courageous duties officers perform every day. I support the police to be responsible individuals who act only for the safety and interest of our community.

interest of our community.

This student is my son. He graduated last year from El Cerrito High in the top 2 percent of his class, attends the Unversity of California in the College of Engineering and is currently a lifeguard at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Margarita Black

Squelching home sales?

At its meeting of July 20, the El Cerrito City Council poked the sharp stick of higher taxes deep into the eyes of its senior citizens, first-time home buyers, and anyone elso who may be thinking of buying or selling real property here. They imposed a real-property transfer tax of \$7 per \$1,000 of the sale price. On a \$250,000 house, the tax would be \$1,750.

Imposing taxes is what the council does best. It seems to be the fulfillment of the power game to them—an almost transcendent experience. Indeed, the facade of unanimity was broken only by Councilmember Kosel who, using her little gray cells, pointed out that once a home bought before Prop 13 is sold and reassessed, the higher valuation would result in increased revenue to the city every year. This argument meant little to the balance of the panel who, motivated by expediency in the short term, voted for the tax. It passed 4-1.

While this tax may not be determinative in the final decision of whether to buy or sell, it cannot fail to have a dampening effect on sales. And it most certainly will take money from people at a time when they need it most.

Taxes at the local, state and federal levels are becom-

Taxes at the local, state and federal levels are becom Taxes at the local, state and federal levels are becoming confiscatory. Rather than turning the tax screw even tighter, our city government should find ways to cut administrative expenses. Have you ever seen an analyst or an administrator swing off the back end of a fire truck to help put out the grass fire?

This meeting was made notable by an outburst of anger unleashed by the mayor and directed at a citizen who had come to the podium to seek information on items removed from the consent calendar. When the citizen mentioned that she consulted by telephone with

the city manager of San Pablo, Mayor Jellison launched into a tirade of anger in a most unwarranted an un-reasonable fashion. Her unseemly conduct was way out of line and a public apology is in order.

Robert W. Schnelker

Reaction resented

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Mayor Norma Jellison

Mayor Norma Jellison.

On Juty 20, I addressed the El Cerrito City Council regarding an item on the consent calendar. At that time, I highlighted my telephone conversation of that date with the city manager of a neighboring community, which I felt was relevant to the above very costly item which the council had planned to routinely adopt.

To my utter astonishment, I was angrily berated by you, Madame Mayor, because I had deigned to converse with the city manager of a community other than El Cerrito. Your choice of words such as "appalling" and "disconcerting" to describe my innocent call outside El Cerrito was deeply resented. Apparently, anyone who disagrees with your mindset that all wisdom stems from the El Cerrito City Hall may heretofore expect a similar tirade from you.

After having recovered from my amazement at your outburst, I felt that I had been transported to a time and place behind the Iron Curtain, where it would have been a major offense to take any individual action sans permission from the local commissar. Fortunately, however, the Constitution of this great country guarantees me, along with the masses, the right to converse with whom I choose (perhaps even outside our local area code, Heaven forbid), without a resultant tirade from the chair at a subsequent council meeting.

The office of mayor may be likened to that of the president of the board of directors of a corporation—not to that of a sole owner and operator of a private enterprise. It would be prudent for you to bear in mind, Madame Mayor, that every citizen of this community is a shareholder in the municipal "corporation" we know as El Cerrito and as such, deserves at very least your forbearance and self-restraint.

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Beverly Gent

Try salary cuts

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Editor:

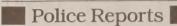
One must respect the intelligence of Councilwoman Cathie Kosel who opposed the new transfer tax. This tax was imposed without a vote of the people and was levied at six times its previous rate. The tax is not only excessive, but it is questionable because it might well be unlawful as well as being very counterproductive.

The budget crisis in our city has, rightly or wrongly, but consistently, been blamed on Proposition 13. This law has been bemoaned, but never adjusted to, by our city councils. Because of Proposition 13 resources from property taxes can only be enhanced by the sale of homes which had been previously protected from taxes by this law. The sale of these homes would make this protection null and void as far as property taxes are concerned — thus smoothly adding to the coffers of the city treasurer. Like the Berlin Wall, transfer taxes keep the people in rather than giving them the complete freedom to move out.

This tax is likely counterproductive in yet another but more important way. It breeds hostility. The council members who voted "aye" still don't get it! It is absolutely necessary for them to establish good will with a populace which is no longer apathetic (23 percent signed petitions opposing council imposition of the Fire Assessment Tax). These people, and many more whose number has not yet been determined, will likely not vote for any kind of tax as long as the City Council continues to add on one tax after the other without citizen approval. It has become a question of trust.

Taxes must no longer be a revenue source in our city. Spending cuts must take their place. It is clear to me and other active members of the Budget Task Force that future needed money must come from staff salary cuts. This approach is apparently intolerable. No salaries have been reduced in spite of the fact that salaries have been reduced in spite of the fact that salaries have been reduced in spite of the fact that salaries have been reduced in spite of the fact that salaries are the greatest expense in

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Domino's Pizza robbed: vandalism, thefts reported

By Dawn Frasieur

ALBANY — Domino's Pizza was robbed by a man who put a paper bag over his hand and de-manded that cash be placed in a manded that cash be placed in a second bag. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his mid-20s, about 5-foot-10 or 6 feet, 175 to 185 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He was wearing purple and green pants, a white shirt, and a purple and green jacket with an eight-ball design on the back

back.

• A cinder block was used to smash a window at Crown Seafood Distributors before a burglar entered the facility at about 6 a.m. July 26. The suspect conducted a messy prowl of the office area, taking cash and coins; he fled when spotted by a responding officer.

officer.

■ A brick was used to break
the front display window of the
Gold Center. The thief reached in
to steal five rings, worth about
\$20

 Bicycles were stolen from the 1500 block of Marin Avenue, the 600 block of Marin Avenue, the 600 block of Talbot, and the 900 block of Talbot. A victim exiting a Solano Avenue business saw the thief (a white male adult) who took his 14-speed bike (black with pink trim, blue front forks and an orange rear tire).

orange rear tire).

• At 6:23 p.m. July 24, a vehi-• At 6:23 p.m. July 24, a vehicle driver was stopped after it was reported that he was believed to have stolen a bottle from the Liquor Barn. The driver was found to have an outstanding warrant from the Berkeley P.D. for \$956. The passenger in the vehicle was found to have a \$1,500 outstanding warrant. Both men are Berkeley residents.
• Residents in the 400 block of Evelyn Street reported hearing

• Residents in the 400 block of Evelyn Street reported hearing bangs at about 11:30 p.m. on July 25. The sounds were said to be coming from the area between El Cerrito Plaza and the Brighton Cornito Plaza and the Brighton BART tracks. Four suspects (in-cluding juveniles) were contacted at Memorial Park; one was in pos-session of firecrackers. Parents

• Several property thefts from

vehicles occurred during the night of July 25. In-dash stereos were taken from a 1979 Dodge parked in the 900 block of Pomona and from a 1987 Honda in the 1000 block of Neilson. A stereo was also taken from a 1986 Honda parked in the 1000 block of Peralta; the whole stereo system was taken from a 1990 Nissan Sentra in the 1500 block of Albany Terrace.

sounded. The incident occurred in the 700 block of Carmel.

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Other property thefts from vehicles were reported in the 800 block of Adams, the 500 block of Cleveland, and the 1200 block of Garfield. A stereo stolen from a 1985

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Toyota pickup was recovered during the arrest of two male suspects, now in custody.

• A 1984 Plymouth Voyager was reported stolen.

• When an officer decided to check on a man exiting a Ford pickup at the bowling alley, he found that the vehicle had been reported by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office as stolen. The Berkeley man was arrested inside the bowling alley and was also found to have a .38 caliber revolver in his possession. The incident occurred at about 12:30 a.m. July 21.

A man arrested at Ramona and Solano was found to have a Contra Costa County no-bail warrant outstanding. The suspect allegedly threatened officers when arrested. Booking procedures were videotaped and placed in evidence. During the search of the suspect, a crack pipe was found.
 A suspicious person reported sitting in a vehicle in the middle of the street in the 1000 block of Peralta was contacted by police. The

alta was contacted by police. The Berkeley man was found to have an outstanding warrant of \$811 from the Oakland P.D.

• Albany officers assisted the

Albany officers assisted the Berkeley P.D. in pursuit of a vehi-cle on Harrison Street, heading toward UC Village. The man was

stopped on Eighth Str Riley and Monroe at a p.m. on July 20. The A cers assisted officers The City of Alb

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Businesses hit by burglars lose equipment, cas

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO — Three commercial burglaries were reported.

Someone kicked open the front door to Plaza Dental X-Ray and Photographing during the night of July 15 and stole computer components and a microwave.

At the Forum Club, a burglar hid inside until closing then forced his way into the office. The thief

his way into the office. The thief opened a strong box, stealing the cash inside. The incident occurred between 2 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. on July 14.

July 14.

An open door to the social hall was the method of entry for a burglar who stole cash and gift certificates from a safe at St. Jerome's Church. The thief had to force open a closet door with a screwdriver to reach the safe; the incident occurred between July 5 and 7.

• A wallet was taken from the

front counter at Bahman Master Tailor on July 23 between 5 p.m., and 6 p.m.; money was stolen from a work station at Classy Nail on July 20 between 2:15 and 2:40

At residences, a tent was stolen from a Kearney Street backyard during the daytime on July 18 (1500 block); checks were reported stolen from a mailbox in the 600 block of Kearney Street on the same day.

same day.

• A pair of tennis shoes valued at \$70 was taken from a porch in the 100 block of Carmel Avenue on July 18; the theft was witnessed; the suspect threw the shoes into some bushes. He was subsequently arrested. quently arrested.

After several unwanted guests left a room at the Travelodge motel, the responding officer discovered a loaded firearm in the room. The incident occurred at

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Chamber, representing Chamber, representing numbers, serves as an adefforts by Oakland's city nent to enhance Oakland's ic well-being, Brown said.
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unteer board members and its five unteer obard memoers and its five departments dealing with Cham-ber membership as well as Oak-land's economic development, small businesses, community af-fairs and public information. A member of the Chamber since

A member of the Chamber since 1985, Brown said he has sensed an increased breadth to the organiza-

increased breadth to the organiza-tion in recent years.

Not only does the Chamber "re-flect fully the diverse ethnic makeup of the city," the business group, which this year has an operating budget of \$1.1 million, he

operating budget of \$1.1 minton, has taken an active role in all areas affecting the city's social and economic climate, he said.

Brown comes to the chairmanship with more than 30 years' experience in the newspaper business

ness.
A graduate of El Cerrito High
School and the University of Oregon, Brown spent his after-school
hours and summer vacations working at the Richmond Independent

for his father, publisher Warren

His early experience took him His early experience took num from the composing room to the editorial, advertising and account-ing departments. Brown wrapped up his career at the *Independent* as a labor coordinator for 11 unions.

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He was also a reporter for the now defunct Berkeley Gazette.

Today, Brown and his wife, Mary, are the owners of 18 newspapers. In the East Bay, they own The Montclarion, the Journal, the Piedmonter, the Berkeley Voice and the recently acquired Alameda Journal

Brown also serves on the execu-tive committee of the California Newspaper Publishers Association and is co-owner of Grant Miller

and is co-owned.

Mortuary.

"My children like to say I'm a consensus builder," said Brown, who believes his greatest strength is a sense of organization.



W.A. 'Chip' Brown

"I think we're in luck," said the Chamber's president and chief economic officer, Admiral Robert Toney. "It's obvious that he cares very much about Oakland, very deeply about the city, and he is concentrating on how to rebuild the city's retail areas."

El Cerrito welcomes new Target store Shoppers glad to spend locally

By Dawn Frasieur

EL CERRITO - In the last year since she moved to El Cerrito from Chicago, Jennifer Oh has shopped at Hilltop Mall in Richmond, at San Pablo's has shopped at Hilltop Mall in Richmond, at San Pablo's K-Mart store, and has even gone out to the Target store in Walnut Creek a couple of times. But when Target's new El Cerrito store opened last week, she was happy for an option to shop in close to home.

"This is so much more convenient," she said. "There's been nothing convenient at this level." Oh found some furniture that she liked and found the staff to be helpful; she plans to be back.

be back.
"It's a really nice store," she said. "I think this is probably good for the city of El Cerrito."

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That's what the City Council and the redevelopment agency is hoping: that the store will be good for El Cerrito, improving it s i m a g e (t h e 87,000-square-foot store has an up-to-date appearance, with carefully chosen colors, a wellorganized parking lot and a large brick entryway) and bringing shoppers and their bringing shoppers and their sales tax revenues to El Cerrito.

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To show their support, several council and staff members, as well as Mayor Norma Jellison, attended a special open house the night before the store was opened to the public. City officials, employees, their friends and families got to check out the new store, shop and listen to welcoming music provided by the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts

Jazz Ensemble.

The mood was definitely upbeat, and employees were enthusiastic.

Part of that attitude comes from Target University, a training program designed as much to encourage team spirit and employee enthusiasm as to

to encourage team spirit and employee enthusiasm as to teach specific job requirements. "In one activity, we all held hands in a circle and had to pass two hula hoops back to the pertwo hula noops back to the person they started with to learn teamwork," said Rahima Lopez, who said she really enjoyed the experience. Target is her first real job after graduating from El Cerrito High School, and she plans to stay for a long time.

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Larry Duenas has been with Target for five years at its Walnut Creek store. He started out as a trucking loader and has worked himself up to an area specialist in toys and seasonal products. He's now come to El Cerrito.

Cerrito.

The customers Duenas encountered at the opening seemed happy with the store, he said: "They've been waiting for this to happen. Since the first day we've been up, they've been knocking on the door to ask if we're open. El Cerrito needed a large retail store."

About 90 percent of Target's employees are new, about 10 percent come from other stores, said district manager Dave Eske. The store is the 18th store to be opened in the Bay Area.

ESKe. The store is the 18th store to be opened in the Bay Area. By the end of 1992, there will be 508 stores in 32 states; the first stores opened in California in 1983.

The El Cerrito store is open seven days a week

bany school board raises residential fees

ANY — By unanimous e school board last week ses on new residential con-nin the city from \$1.56 per foot to \$1.65 and new e foot to \$1.65 and new escial and industrial con-ton from 26 cents to 27. The new fees become effec-

Based on the premise that new construction brings new students into the district, the developer fees, also called school facilities fees, are dedicated to financing new buildings, renovating old ones and improving school grounds in anticipation of increased enrollments.

"We have a well-documented need for more facilities for our growing school population," said school district Superintendent J. Dale Hudson. "We've grown by over 300 students in the past six

over 300 students in the past six years and will continue to grow for several years to come."

Authorized by the State Allocation Board, collection of the developer fees was initiated by the school board in early 1990. Up to March of this year, the district collected \$62,105. The 5.8 percent raise in fees will generate \$1,010,000 by 1995 and another \$886,000 by 2010.

The income figures are based on 1991 Albany draft General Plan estimates of 222 new single family units and 526 multi-family units. City planners also estimated 60 second-story additions, which are assessed the fee on new habitable space over 500 square feet, would be built between 1989 and 1995. Hudson said proceeds from the fees were used at the MacGregor School, which was reopened to elementary students three years ago, to resurface the playground and buy new play equipment. Two

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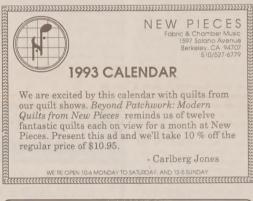
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Albany Chamber of Commerce

Installation of the 1992-93 officers and board

By Fern Luoma

"It is important to continue to work closely with the city to promote business in Albany for those who are here and for those we can attract, so we can improve our sales tax base," newly elected Albany Chamber of Commerce president Deirdre Wallace told the 50 guests attending the chamber's installation dinner on July 15.

"We have done a good job this

installation dinner on July 15.

"We have done a good job this year with Albany's development brochure being published for the city to encourage new businesses, and the design guidelines for the San Pablo Avenue Design Plan Workshop, scheduled for Aug.

17."
Wallace plans more business promotions for Albany businesses and encourages input from all merchants as to what type of promotion they would like to participate in. She spoke of everyone working together to keep Albany afloat and to keep businesses profiting

Albany afloat and to keep businesses profiting.
In conclusion, Wallace stressed the importance of the chamber continuing working with the city and all the business interests in town to maintain a healthy city. Retiring president Mary Weiland recapped her year in office and thanked all who served during her term. She was

during her term. She was especially proud of chairing the

Albany Spring Arts Festival, which appears to have become an annual event.

Installing the officers, new board of directors and those reelected was Jerome Blank, who was one of the reelected board members. Serving with Wallace are first vice president Jewel Okawachi (D&S Composing Service): second vice president are first vice president Jewel
Okawachi (D&S Composing
Service); second vice president
Bob Gordon (Gordon's Piano
Shop); third vice president Robert
Wolf (R.A.W Concepts); and
treasurer Elisabeth Bell. New
directors include Joe Sio (Joe Sio
Chevrolet); Jeff Butler (Century
Cable); and Raymond Grassi,
commercial property owner.
Reelected were Russell Kierce
(Russell Keirce Realtor) and
Blank (Jerome Blank Realty).
Wallace owns and operates Wild
Wools and Wild Wools Design.
The barbecue dinner was held at
Memorial Park with Albany Fire
Chief Mike Koepke and Rotary
president Don Tennenbaum (NTT
Travel) doing the cooking.
Assisting with food preparation
were Okawachi, Bell and Wallace.

Albany Lions and Lioness Installations

The Albany Lions and Lioness Club installations were held last nonth, both honoring members or volunteer activities for the past year and welcoming new officers and members to the board of directors

and members to the board of directors.

The Lions group gathered for dinner at Treasure Island with past president Charles McCain as master of ceremonies. Club president Roger Duhhem presented the "Lion of the Year" award to Al Caruso, and a "Distinguished Service" award to Fred Runnion. Members receiving special service awards include Ray Joyce, Ralph Leon, Carl Gregsby, Elwood Bridges and president-elect Richard Sanderson.

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Sanderson:
Entertainment was provided by
Sanderson's wife, Jo Anna, who
sang "'Climb Every Mountain''
and led the group in "'My Country
Tis of Thee."
Installing the incoming officers
and board members was past
district governor Vic Touriel. The
1992-93 officers are Sanderson,
president; Robert Nichols, first
vice president; Robert
Uhrhammer, second vice
president; Bill Johnson, secretary;
Alan Caruso, treasurer; Gregsby,
tail twister; and Bridges, lion
tamer.

Arthur Longpre, Hubert "Red" Call, J. Henry Kruse, Jr., Elliott Jones, Michael Miller, Dunhem

Upon receiving his gavel,



Jerome Blank, left, hands the gavel to Deirdre Wallace as Russell Klerce, Jewel Oka zabeth Bell and Raymond Grassi look on.

Sanderson thanked everyone for giving him the privilege to serve as the club's president. "Fasten your seal belts," he said. "We are going to take off. Hopefully I will be in the position that Duhem is in now. Very quickly, with the help of God and you, my fellow Lions, we can make a difference."

The Albany Lions Club's motto is "The Club That Knows How."

Mary Flynn was installed as president of the Golden Gate Lioness Club for the coming year at a dinner held at the Albany Senior Center. Retiring president Sadako Kinoshita presented baskets of potpourri to all member and received an engraved past president's pin from the Albany Lions Club Liaison J. Henry Kruse, Jr.

Appreciation plaques were given to Ann Caruso, secretary, and Gloria Hansen, treasurer; Kinoshita was given a gift from

Flynn and was awarded the honor of earning a plaque for "The Lioness of the Year" from her club. Installing officer was 4C3 District president-elect Zelda

In closing remarks Flym
"My goal is to make a diffiin our community for this
year. With the club member assistance, membership one of the main priorities

Home business permit denied

Trend in home businesses may call for code revision

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Finding that Planning and Zoning Commission approval of a home occupation permit allowing parenting classes at 1115 Cornell Ave. stretched past policy too far, the City Council Monday night overturned the commission's decision on an appeal by Planning Director Claudia Cappio. ALBANY

Cappio.

"The approval of this use permit is the first time that up to 20 adults per week will be attending classes within a residential district," Cappio told the council.

"The approval "Constitutes a

trict," Cappie told the council.

The approval "constitutes a significant policy change and City Council review is warranted," she said. The city code limits home businesses to "one customer per week" and sets standards to preserve Albany's neighborhood character.

While many praised the applicant and leader of classes in "Respectful Parenting," Leah Statman, for her character and the value of the service she provides, others said during the public hearing that traffic in the neigborhood is already too congested.

Two home occupation permits exceeding the "one customer per week" rule have been granted in the past 10 years. One, a Chinese cooking class with five students once a week, was shortlived. A psychotherapist was allowed three clients a day at Key Route and Washington when the Planning Commission found that plenty of parking was available on the surrounding neighborhood streets.

These businesses, as well as the parenting classes under appeal, came to attention of the city through neighbors' complaints.

The Statman approval set a

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precedent which could create future problems for the city, according to Cappio. "Although there have only been two other similar permits granted, staff receives many inquiries about this kind of use in a residence, particularly from psychotherapists," she said.

Planning and Zoning Vice Chair Steve Barton, calling Statman a responsible applicant who had "passed all the tests," said the permit was "not starting us down a slippery slope." Planning and Zoning Chairman Ann Berry said, however, the precedent was dangerous and added, "Are we going to make decisions on the basis of whether the applicant looks respectful?" "It's not a question of whether the applicant is performing a mar-'It's not a question of whether

the applicant is performing a mar-velous service," said Council-

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El Cerrito honors Rotan

EL CERRITO — Mayor Norma Jellison, on behalf of the City of El Cerrito, presented a formal com-mendation to the Rotary Club at the City Council's July 20 meet-

ing.

Members of the Rotary Club,
President Gary Buffon and member Lee Prutton were all recognized for their "invaluable service" to the community in
expanding their Wine and Arts

Festival on July 4 and 5 pensate for the loss of ditional city-sponsored h

get. Pool hours, certain sports programs, and cevents like the annual He Party and July 4th of were cut due to loss of the

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police department continuing staff reductions

On June 15 the City Council adopted the city's 93 budget which made substantial cuts in 93 budget which made substantial cuts in 1965 and staff. This article is the fifth in a series will inform you about the specific impact of secuts in the year that started July 1. Previous excits in the year that started July 1. Previous secuts in the year that started July 1. Previous secuts in the year that started July 1. Previous secution of the year that started July 1. Previous secution of the year that the year that the year that the year that yea i fold you about the effects on senior service ional and childcare programs, maintenance is, and building engineering and planning is. This article discusses the city's police

ice Department



percent of the discretionary pays for public safety-related services, even place and fire departments are affected, early's discretionary budget is that part of the million general fund budget that is not designated earlie purposes. Not included in the clionary budget, for example, are gas tax monies must be used for streets, or recreation fees which be used for recreation programs, or debt service

join fund payments.

join fund payments.

joe Department staffing is down three officers seal year — two patrol officers and one jeguive officer — from the number authorized

cers on the Street

There are now fewer officers on the street. During later part of fiscal year 1991-92, management jided not to fill a patrol position recently vacated. Nature were not coming in at the level projected jiwas necessary to reduce expenditures. With the successful protest of the fire suppression wiff assessment, the City Council decided to leave patrol officer position vacant in the new budget to eliminate one additional filled position. Two items were taken off the beat.

Another position held vacant from last year and not filled this year is an investigative officer. This officer primarily investigated narcotics-related crimes. Because there is a joint state/county/city narcotics program, Police Chief Dan Givens thought there would be very little impact from this cut in the up-coming fiscal year. Now, just a few weeks later, the picture has changed. Additional reductions in investigative services may be needed so that patrol services can be kept as close to normal staffing as possible.

Service Impact

It is difficult to demonstrate the impact of taking two officers off the street. When you call 911, police officers will respond immediately. Emergency response is still the highest priority. If you are in danger, the police will respond immediately. If you have been the victim of a theft sometime during the night, however, you may have to be patient; the police will get there when they can. The response to non-emergency situations will occur as time permits. Safety reasons require a minimum number of police officers per shift. With three fewer officers now available, these safety reasons will require that the remaining staff work some overtime. If the level of overtime that is required becomes excessive, it potentially can have a negative impact on the officers, such as a higher incidence of illness, injury or accidents. Medical and liability claims are inevitable, and insurance costs may escalate.

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State Budget Impact

Serious consequences for the city are anticipated from the state budget-balancing process. For example, services or programs that are likely to be reduced sharply or eliminated include county and state crime lab services and the county/state/city narcotics program. All fees for services are likely to increase, including county jail booking fees and fees for blood tests (to test for alcohol or drugs).

These costs could not be anticipated at the time the city prepared and adopted its budget, therefore, there are no funds budgeted to pay for these additional costs of "doing business." Obviously, police management, supervisors, officers and civilian staff will continue to be concerned about the most efficient and cost-effective method of delivering police

and cost-effective method of delivering police



Troop 104's newest Eagle Scouts: Garrett Schlegel, left, Bradley Restel, Marker Lovell, Justin Bartholomew, Andrew Butt, Peter Stout,

Troop 104's newest Eagle Scouts

EL CERRITO — With 54 Eagles, Troop 104 has averaged more than one Eagle Scout per year during its 53-year history. The troop honored its 49th-through 52nd Eagle Scouts at a recent and rare Quad Eagle Court at Camp Hermes in El Cerrito.

SZnd Eagle Scouts at a recent anurare Quad Eagle Court at Camp Hermes in El Cerrito.

Marker Lovell, Jr., earned 22 merit badges, including Reptile Study and Motorboating, and received a plaque from the troop for serving as senior patrol leader.

His grandmother gave him the inspiration for his Eagle Scout Project for Open House Senior Center in El Cerrito, where he refinished three benches, did major structural repair on another bench and reconstructed and painted five planter boxes.

In his Scouting Autobiography's conclusion Lovell wrote, "I realize how different my life would have been and how I would be different as a person if I had

never joined Troop 104."

Lovell played on the El Cerrito
High varsity football team. He
plans to major in political science
at UC-Davis. He is the son of Marker, Sr., and Jan Lovell of El

Marker, Sr., and Jan Lovell of El Cerrito.

Peter Stout earned 21 merit badges, including Indian Lore and Geology, with patrol leader and quartermaster among his leadership positions. An old family photograph of him with his brother at Canyon Trail Park sparked the idea for his Eagle Scout Services Project: renovating the teepee-like structure at the park as well as repainting the sign at the entrance.

In his Scouting Autobiography he concluded, "Scouts offer a source for morals, ranking in so-

ne concluded, "Scouts offer a source for morals, ranking in so-ciety, personal discovery, mentors, fun, exhilaration and so much else that the public school system of today simply can't offer.

'It is my sincere hope that the

troop will live on with the same strength, vigor and pride that I've always known, and that we as Ea-gles, Scouters and society will preserve this great institution for the growth of boys." Stout was technical director for

Stout was technical director for the drama department at El Cerrito High. He plans to attend Westmont College in Santa Barbara. He is the son of Loren and Alisa Stout of El Cerrito.

of El Cerrito.

Justin Bartholomew earned 21
merit badges, including Skiing and
Oceanography. Among his leadership positions were patrol leader
and den chief for Pack 104.
His Eagle service project was to
plant shrubs in a planting circle at
Madera Elementary School in El
Cerrito. His project also involved
putting in a wood barrier along a
planting strip near the playground.
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Political pundits discuss bizarre 1992 campaio

'Anything can happen this year,' they say

By Michael Bazeley

President Bush is in big trouble politically, the United States is poised for historic change, and Bill Clinton and Al Gore seem eerily similar to student body presidents.

That, anyway, is the contention of three political pundits who rolled into town last Wednesday to address a crowd of about 500 Oakland business leaders.

business leaders.

The three commentators — Paul Duke, Hedrick Smith and Howard Fineman — can normally be found every Friday night on PBS television, analyzing the news of the week from the nation's capital on the long-running show "Washington Week In Review." Last week, though, they brought their collective acerbic wit and prognostication skills to Mills College for Civic Bank of Commerce's Business Forum.

Forum.
Flanked on the college's Music
Hall stage by two large sculpted
bald eagles, the panelists kept the
audience—CivicBank employees,
shareholders, and clients—entertained with political anecdotes and
quips. But they also offered up
opinions on the serious issues of
the day, notably the presidential
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the day, notably the presidential campaign.

Duke, who has hosted Washington Week In Review the last 18 of the show's 25 years, said 1992 is a unique campaign season, what with Ross Perol's aborted campaign and the number of women running for office nationwide.

"It seems anything can happen this year on the race to the White House," he said.

The sneakers were a study in

this year on the face to the white House," he said.

The speakers were a study in contrast. Duke displayed the genial professionalism that has made him a successful televison veteran. Smith demonstrated the thought-provoking analysis of international and domestic affairs that earned him a Pulitzer Prize while with the New York Times. And Fineman entertained with his biting wit and steady stream of jokes.

Fineman, who is the chief political correspondent for Newsweek magazine, provided the most sarcastic — and humorous — perspective on presidential politics.

"The economy is the key," he told the audience. "Bill Clinton has a 35-page proposal which is his economic plan. If you read the fine print it's not a very bold document. It basically sidesteps the deficit like a toreador in a bull fight, and it does not, in my view, confront the tough problems we face in a frontal way. "But then again neither does George Bush, who to me seems to have turned the old Navy motto on its head. His motto is 'Don'i just do something. Stand there.' People will be willing to try the alternative if George Bush doesn't stand up to the plate and do it soon."

All three agreed that the sluggish economy is seriously damaging

economy is seriously damaging Bush politically, and that Clinton stands to benefit from the president's perceived inaction on

ing about 50 points in the polls in the last seven months that adversely affects the spirit of presidents," Fineman said. "He's feeling a little political upset stomach. I also don't think he has settled in his own mind, other than having the job, why he needs to be president for the good of the country for the next four years...He's been the 'in-basket' president. But he's got to be something more than that now."

With the restlessness of the American voter in mind, the presidential candidates this year have embraced the theme of change. Both Clinton and Bush have tried furiously in recent months to portray themselves as "agents of change."

But according to Smith, author of a book about the Washington political establishment, Bush will have a tough time affecting any significant change if he's re-elected.

"I don't think George Bush will really be an agent for change. He's too comfortable operating in the status quo and I think that's where he will remain. I think the change will start to come from the states," not the federal government.

Smith added that, for real change to occur, there has to be a coalition of the president and the leaders in Congress to enact legislation.

"It's only when you get that kind of coalition government that things work. And I don't hear any rhetoric ping about 50 points in the polls in the last seven months that adversely

in the campaign that is honestly addressing that issue. So I see chance of its happening is rather minimal."

Still, Smith thinks the current

Still, Smith thinks the current economic stagnation in the U.S. perfectly positioned the country for a period of historic change. Smith, who also wrote the best-selling book "The Russians," likened the situation to that of Russia, which is struggling to adapt to a market-based economy. Though the transformation is going slowly, Smith said, the Russians are at least embracing the concept of change.

Smith said, the Russians are at least embracing the concept of change.
"Can we learn from them?"
Smith asked. "Do we have the courage to tackle our economic problems? Are we as ready as the Russians to grapple with serious problems? We need a 'perestroika' of our own."

problems? We need a 'perestroika' of our own."

Besides George Bush, the other loser of the evening appeared to be Ross Perot. Despite the would-be candidate's insistence that he intends to remain a political force in the campaign, the panelists said he was all but washed up.

"Perot was going to be the 'it-won't-be-pretty candidate,' "Fineman said. "I don't see him being able to portray the moral conscience of politics now that he has quit. He's going to stand on the sidelines, he says, and make judgements.

ments.

"People — even his own supporters — are going to say, 'if you are so judgmental, why aren't you in the race? Without him, his supporters can't organize a two-car funeral, in my view."

Duke said the he believes the billionaire's economic plan, while fiscally sound in some regards, would not have stood a chance with Congress.

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"I think some of his ideas were okay," said Duke. "But I'm not sure they were that politically realistic. It's one thing to have a plan. It's another thing to have it approved by Congress. And he would have had tough sledding with some of those ideas."

Nevertheless, Fineman thought Perot had contributed to politics, even if not in the way the Texas businessman had originally hoped.

"I think Ross Perot getting out

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son, Fineman said. Because at least they're honest about what they're up to."

Despite the gloomy predictions about the Bush campaign, the speakers noted that Clinton is still

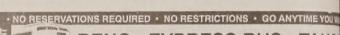
dency.
"Presidential politics is about three things," Fineman said.
"Trust, character, and what will they do about the economy and jobs. You can't get to the economy and jobs question until you satisfy those first two concerns. And I think those are Clinton's biggest

with the Japanese? How do we ope with the Japanese? How do we ope with Europe? Both candidates e going to have to deal with that sue. You're going to demand it. of course, no political discussion

President Bush is in for a fight, say panelists

cropping up. The audience had plenty of questions about whether Bush would keep Quayle as vice president. As Fineman noted, the president seemed to resolve that is-

"The president said close the door on Dan Quayle leaving," he noted. "George Bush having moved his lips once, in a very historic way, he's not going to do it again. So we're stuck with Dan Quayle. Will Dan Quayle drag him down? No. It's up to George



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an Sunday froming was a factor of the tion. Worship will begin at 10 and of the usual 10:30. The hidden's program, as well as ate, will be provided. The Rev. be (LCR) will preach on the Sundays, Aug. 2 and 9. The JWickersham (NM) will the middle two Sundays, Aug. (on Aug. 30, the Rev. Ron former pastor of the Lutherantion and good friend of serv. will deliver the sermon.

ouper Center. s event will be held Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at First alk singer Tom Hunter wi

The first part of the program will be for children (of all ages). Following an intermission, during which refreshments will be served, the second part of the program will be presented for adults. Childcare will be available by reservation; the deadline for childcare is Aug. 5 — call 525-0302.

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• The Christ Lutheran Church Women are sponsoring a trip to the Lawrence Hall of Science on Aug. 15, leaving at 10:45 a.m. Admission to the exhibits is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors/children

exhibits is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors/children over seven years. For information, call 232-9119 after 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 14.

It's Lutheran Day with the Oakland A's on Saturday, Aug. 20 at the Coliseum. At 1:05 p.m., the A's meet the Cleveland Indians. A free pre-game BBQ is offered by Safeway and the A's to the first 10,000 ticket holders who go through the line.

Aid Association for Lutherans Branch #3077 has plenty of discount tickets; total sales will be matched to fund several special projects. There are 800 second deck seats (\$11) and 1,700 third deck seats (\$7) available. Make out

checks to AAL Branch #3077, and mail to AAL Branch #3077, c/o The Rev. Russell H. Howen, 2350 Harbor View Dr., Martinez, CA 94553. For information, call 228-5120.

• Slides from around the world will be shown throughout August at the Christ Lutheran Senior Center, which offers activities each Monday morning, followed by a lunch (make reservations by 10:30 a.m.) and program. Aug. 3, Jackie Hetman will show slides of her Norwegian cruise.

• SonMountain begins Monday, Aug. 3 at El Cerrito's Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe. The five-day Vacation Bible School is offered for ages 3 through 6th grade.

Classes begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. It is preferable to register early for the course, which offers songs, skits, crafts, games and recreation. The life-related Bible study will concentrate on the book of Proverbs and Christ's life.

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• Holocaust Survivors, a series of

portraits by Jeremy D. Sutton, will be on display in the lobby of the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center through Aug. 28. All the portraits were drawn from life in single sittings. They are primarily oil pastel, some with gouache and Xerox transfer, some include images and poems relating to the particular subjects' own experiences during World War II.

For Sutton, "the people in these portraits represent a living link with a passage of history...where the milions who did not survive would also have been ordinary people living out their lives." The portraits are "part of the record of what occurred, a visual testimony to the survivors."

Sutton, who received his BA with Honours from Oxford University, has had numerous selected gallery showings around the Bay Area, and was awarded first place in the Emma Goldman Papers Poster Design Competition in 1989.

The exhibit was organized by the Jewish Arts Community of the Bay (LA.C.O.B.) with the cooperation of the Holocaust Oral History Project. The

public is invited to a reception on Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
The BRICC is wheelchair accessible and located at 1414 Walnut St. (at Rose), Berkeley. For further information, call 848-0237.

• "Secret Jews: Past and Present" is scheduled for this Sunday, Aug. 2 at the BRICC. The program occurs in conjunction with the Jewish Film Festival; The Last Marranos will play at 6:30 p.m. at the UC Theater on University Ave. The documentary film depicts how the 15th-century Jews in Spain and Portugal converted to Catholicism to avoid persecution but continued to secretly practice Judaism. A bagel brunch begins at the BRICC at 11 a.m. and is followed by a talk by Tony Sanchez, who will discuss the period of his life he spent as a Converso, secretly practicing Judaism with his family in New Mexico. Brunch only is \$5 members, \$6 public.

Brunch and a reserved film ticket is \$10 members, \$11 public. For reservation and information, call 848-0237.

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CHABAD of the East Bay is offering a Hebrew Reading Crash Course to the entire Jewish community, in conjunction with the National Jewish Outreach Program. In just five 1-1/2 hour free weekly lessons to be offered at Chabad house, 2643 College Ave., Berkeley, students will have the opportunity to learn the beauty of the Hebrew language by achieving the mastery of the Hebrew alphabet.

The program was develped by Rabie Ephraim Buchwald, founder of the National Jewish Outreach Program; over 30,000 people have taken the lessons in the past three years. It is an innovative program, designed to be painless, free, and one in which even the most die-hard language phobie will excel. The program is being offered at synagogues and community centers throughout the United States.

Call now to register for the course, which begins in Berkeley on Sunday, Aug. 23. To register call Chabad of the East Bay at 540-5824 or the National Jewish Outreach Program at 1-800-44-HEBRE(W).

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Theater of the Blue Rose presents Larry Shue's The Nerd July 31 and Aug. 1, 7-8, 14-16. Performances at 8:30 p.m. except 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16. \$5, no reservations. 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. "Woody Guthrle's American Song," a production based on the words and songs of Woody Guthrle, at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., through Aug. 9. The show runs through Fri,/Sat. \$29; Sun,/Tues,/Wed,/Thurs., \$23; matinees, \$21. Discounts for students, seniors at matinees and rush half-hour before show times. 845-4700.

Dear Master, starring Ken Grantham and Barbara Oliver, is at the Berkeley City. Cub., 2315 Durant Ave. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. \$20/\$10. 261-2006.

California Shakespeare's Macbeth previews Aug. 5 and 6; runs Aug. 7 through Sept. 5. The Tempest runs through Aug. 23; The Merchant of Venice Inrough Aug. 23; The Merchant of Venice Inrough Aug. 20; It. J.G. Bruns Ill Memorial Amphitheatre, Orinda. \$15-\$25. 548-9666.

Ashkenaz hosts Five Year Plan and

annual concent at Hertz Hall July 31 at 8 p.m. \$2. Anna's features jazz and blues with Dianna Perry and Anna De Leon Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Sally Hannah-Rhine, Susie Laraine and De Leon perform Sundays at 7 p.m. 6420 Shattuck Ave., Oakland. 655-5900.

Young Musiclans Program at UCB features a performance of new music written by advanced students in composition Aug. 5 at 3 p.m. Hertz Hall, UCB, Free; donations welcome.

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La Pena benefit tonight with Venezuelan music by Noche Venezolana. 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$8. July 31: Peruvian music with PeruCanto. 8:30 p.m. \$8.

Kimball's East presents King Sunny Ade through Aug. 2. Emery Bay Public Market, Emeryville. 658-2555.

UCB's Summer Playhouse noon series continues with "Where the Cross is Made," through July 31; "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" Aug. 4-7. Zellerbach Playhouse. \$6/\$5/\$4, 642-8276.

Cafe Bistro at Restaurant Metropole presents Peter Cornell trio, Tuesdays; James Casella Trio, Thursdays; Fred Lamberson Trio, Fridays; Patricia Bahia, Saturdays; Nick Clyde Trio, Sundays. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 1848-3080.

Berkeley Improvisors perform Wedesdays in August at La Val's Subteranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. Theater opens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner; 7:30 p.m. performance. \$48-5199.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

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Making Strides Against Cancer is a lake walk, food fest, health career fair at Oakland's Lake Merritt on Aug. 2, accompanied by the sound of the blues. Register for the fundraising walk at 11:30, one hour prior to start time. 832-7012.

"Making Music With Recyclables" happens 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 2 and 9 when Megan Wolford shows children how to make instruments from recyclables at The Nature Company, 1999 El Dorado, Berkeley. Reserve a place at 524-6336.

The Alzhelmer's Association gives an update on Alzhelmer's and genetic concerns Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. (800)942-1333.

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"A Career In Nonprofit Management" will be discussed Aug. 4, noon to 1 p.m. at Turning Point Career Center. \$3 Dann Good Resume Guide author Yana Parker presents a workshop on resume writing Aug. 5, 7-9 p.m. The center is University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, 848-6370.

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"Being a Wise Medical Consumer"
will be discussed Aug. 6, 1-2:30 p.m. at
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Women for Peace-East Bay will hold
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Berkeley Hiking Club — Aug. 2: Lake
Country Ramble, 8:30 a.m. Jim Compton
453-4367). Mini-hike: Berkeley Waterront Park, 9:30 a.m. Lottle and Paul Rolen (526-1667).



The group Murasaki, which combines classical Japanese music with jozz and rock, plays at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday at Yoshi's Nitespot 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Tickets are \$10, available at the door or by calling 652-9200.

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a.m. to 3 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. the rest of the week through Aug. 6. \$18 for Sunday only, \$36 for entire program, or \$5 per evening, 540-5824.

Comic Book Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 2, features a charity art auction. \$3.50 admission. Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive., Oakland. 222-8663.

"Secret Jews: Past and Present" is a special program Aug. 2 at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center in conjunction with the Jewish Film Festival. Bagel brunch and later, a film showing. For Information and reservations call 848-0237. 1414 Walnut, Berkeley.

At REI this week master bike technician Rich Davies leads "Bicycle Maintenane 101." Aug. 2, 2-4 p.m. Please leave your bike at home. "Bicycling the World" with Sally Vantress is tonight's topic. 7 p.m. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

Basic Yoga Workshops are held Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 7 p.m. and 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. 2377 Virginia, Berkeley. 88/55 (No one turned away for luck offunds.) 644-0184.

Cathering Tribes hosts Zintkala Cikala, antive American drum group, July 31, 6:30 to 10 p.m. 1309 F Solano Ave., Albany, 528-9038.

Beginning Quiltmaking with Sally Collins runs Aug. 5 through Sept. 9 at New

Sennin Foundation non-violent martial airs classes for children are half price for the first month. New students begin first week of the month. Call 526-7518.

Self-defense aerobics with second-degree black-belt Eva Spencer is offered Fridays at Herobics, 9951 San Pablo Ave, El Certito, \$8.524-8416.

Growing Wild in Your Backyard teaches kids how to make the most of a back yard. Ages 6 and up. July 26, 2-3 p.m. The Nature Company, 1999 El Dorado, Berkeley, 524-6336.

Green Stuff Day Camp at UC Botanical Garden is in session Aug. 3-14. Preregister with Nancy Swearengen at 642-3352.

Tour Berkeley Horticultural manager Victor Yool's rose farm and gardens on a UC Botanical Garden bus trip Aug. 6, \$85/50. Reservations required. 642-3343.

Cody's Books presents Bernle Zilbergeld, M.D., discussing his latest work, The New Male Sexuality Aug. 3, 8 p.m. Elmore Leonard reads from his latest, Rum Punch, Aug. 4, 8 p.m.

UC Botanical Garden in edocent tours take place each Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m.; meet at the Tour Orientation Center. General tours also available. The garden has extended hours through Labor Day; it will be open until 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. every day. Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 642-3343.

Cody's for Kids presents Usa Klein and Jeff Karon of Dolphintales telling stories at 11 a.m. Aug. 1, 845-7652.

City Commons Club's noon luncheon

features Tony Tonitullys on "Healing at Home: Trends in the Health Care In-dustry," July 31, 848-3533. Black Oak Exhibits

Eau Show, by Enabled Artists United, through Aug. 31 at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities. 551 23rd St., Richmond. 820-0290.

Watercolor California '92 an exhibit Including numerous East Bay artists, is at Jack London Village in Oakland July 31 through Aug. 31.

Seµlpture by Mapo is at the FigTree Gallery, through Aug. 10. 2599 Eighth St., No. 42, Berkeley. 540-7843.

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"Ancient Walled Cities of Morocco" is the title of Dan Julian's photo exhibit at Refractions through Aug. 22. 600 San Pablo Ave., Albary, 527-8684.
"Material Dimension" — works by Sara Bates, Harriete Estel Bermen, Fran Martin, Patricia Ravarra, Rik Riticheey and Rene Young — is at Richmond Art Center. Also showing is "Spirit of El Salvador." Reception for both exhibits is Aug. 3, 5-7 p.m. Russell Herrman's installation "Sun Sails" is in the courtyard through Sept. 13. Civic Center Plaza. 520-6772.
Ywing-Ming Jyang will show and demonstrate Series II of her Chinese brush painting through Aug. 4 at the Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley, 849-4967.
"Art Against the Blockade," presented by Taller Sin Fronteras, is La Pena's exhibit through Aug. 14. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, 849-2568.
Food for Thought, an exhibition dealing with food in art and issues of abundance and scarcity, runs through Aug. 9. Contributions will be donated to organizations which feed the hungry. Berkeley At Center, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley, 644-6893.
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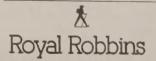




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California have now legislated to have percentages of new vehicles sold designated as non-polluting starting in 1997. By the year 2000, 20 percent of all new cars sold in Southern California will have to be either non-polluting or very low emissions vehicles.

This order caught Detroit a little ort at the time, but don't think short at the time, but don't think that U.S. automakers were unprepared. All the manufacturers have extensive design and research teams working on alternate fuels and electric powered automobiles. GM's latest showing is the delicious looking "Ultralite."

In the past the mere mention of alternative energy vehicles



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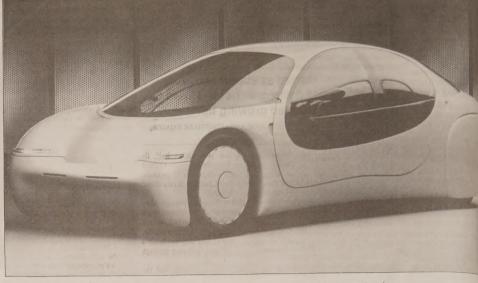
brought a shudder to the sensory nerve endings. These vehicles usually came with weird shapes because few projects had the budget to make the vehicle look right.

Charles Jordan, vice president of the Design Staff at General Motors, took this new project under his wing to see it through. He had overseen the Impact electric car which was a stylish and well executed design. Jordan's Impact had shown, powerfully, that alternate energy vehicles didn't have to mean "Ugly Ducking."

ing."

According to Jordan this single mind set was a powerful point in the design of the Ultralite. "We had to develop an efficient, aerodynamic package for four people that looked exciting."

Under the direction of James Bieck at Advanced Studio No. 2 the Ultralite was designed and built using the traditional method of experimental automobile con-



The GM Ultralite's three-cylinder engine gets 100 mpg and can reach a top speed of 135 mph.

struction. It moved rapidly from drawings to finished body and in-terior in five months.

The body is done in light weight carbon fiber with a low cowl and belt line to give the interior an

open and spacious feel. The design uses a monocoque tub like an Indy car with tunnel structure and re-movable tubular sub-frames to support the independent suspen-

movable tubular sub-frames to support the independent suspension and power train units.

The tub uses the skin as a stressed element and weighs in at an amazingly low 420 pounds. Apparently the designers were quite amazed at the structure's rigidity and found that it produced a cell that was equally as stiff as as a steel structure of the same size.

Air springs produce ride quality and allow the computer to adjust the Ultralite's load level and ride angle for optimum drag efficiency.

The doors open gullwing-style allowing easy access to all four seating positions. Bieck was well aware that a low cd figure was a must and in the "tunnel" it came down to an amazingly low drag coefficient of 0.192.

These figures are wonderful considering that a regular Chevy Corsica, which is quite slippery looking, has a 0.314 cd. Convert these figure to energy use and the

real meaning of cd comes to life. The Ultralite requires only 4 horsepower to move it through the air at 55 mph while the Corsica re-quires 15 horsepower. The advan-

quires 15 horsepower. The advances and advantages are obvious.

One of the other key elements in this design are the 18 inch wheels which deliver a low rolling resistance using a tire specially developed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber for the project.

The chassis is laid out with a 110-inch wheel base running a 55 inch track at the front and a narrower 50-inch track at the rear.

inch track at the front and a nar-rower 50-inch track at the rear.

The two-stroke three cylinder engine uses the latest in air as-sisted direct injection induction with stratified charge and com-puter controls. This drives the rear wheels through a modified Saturn four-spread, automatic, transfour-speed automatic trans-

mission.

The interior also features some very advanced materials. The seats are made of GM's own trick Duoflx fabric, an elastomer filament material that replaces conventional polyurethane foam with a novel seat design that is and lighter than tradition mobile seats. Other part advanced engineering pact cludes ABS brakes, heat

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Study shows 6 in 10 Californians unaware of their credit interest

Bay City News

A survey released in San Francisco shows that Californians are among the country's highest users and abusers of credit cards, and that many of them don't even know how much interest they are

know how much interest they are paying.

Some 25 percent of Californians have unpaid balances of more than \$1,000 on their credit cards, compared with a national average of 18 percent.

In the study, conducted by Princeton Research Associates for the American Express Co., 43 percent of people who responded said they are "on the edge," owing exactly what they can afford. And 14 percent of respondents said they were over their heads in debt.

Six in 10 Californians didn't know how much interest they paid

on credit card charges last year.

Half think that finding a credit card with a 16 percent annual interest or less would be difficult, according to the study.

The survey also says Californians believe consumer debt is second only to the federal budget deficit in hampering economic growth.

growth.

Researcher Edwin Slaughter said the telephone survey, which was conducted in June, consisted of 15 to 20 multiple choice-type questions to 2,044 respondents throughout California.

Interviews were conducted in English, Spanish, Korean, Mandarin and Cantonese.

Results showed that minorities in particular are paying interest charges, with 21 percent of African-American, 17 percent of Hispanics and 21 percent of Asians

and Pacific Islanders saying they have more debt than they can afford.

American Express officials say

American Express officials say they commissioned the study to get a picture of financial problems facing Americans.

The survey revealed that Californians' spending habits are changing as the economic crisis continues, with some 40 percent reporting fewer visits to restaurants and fewer trips and vacations

Slaughter said survey results in-dicate that though credit cards have a big impact on people's lives, the fact that people pay high interest isn't necessarily a part of regular everyday thinking.

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Co. says an odd-ball hoax involving pull tabs on aluminum beverage cans is scamming some consumers who have been led to believe they can collect a premium price on pull tabs alone.

"Some consumers," said Darryl L. Dabel, area business manager for Reynolds Recycling in Fremont, "are coming to our recycling centers with two-liter plastic soft-drink bottles filled with pull tabs. They have been led to

consumers to donate proceeds from recycling the entire can to the National Kidney Foundation.

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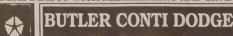
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trait of local artist Mark Badger

Although he doesn't wear a cape and prefers paint-brushes to Batarangs, Oakland artist Mark Badger is more Batman than his broomhandle moustache and

'Comic book artists all started as superhero fans, and when we got to 15, we stopped growing up.'

—OAKLAND ARTIST MARK BADGER

That's because for the last year and a half, illustrator Badger and San Francisco writer Gerard Jones assumed the superhero's character to produce Run, Riddler, Run, a three-book Batman series about the brooding, melancholy vigilante.

And since the books' debut three months ago, they have enjoyed superhero-like success, with each book selling over 100,000 copies. Such an arrival, which was helped by the release of the latest Batman movie, has prompted Badger to exhibit and sell the book's conceptual drawings at the Allegro Ballroom through conceptual drawings at the Allegro Ballroom through

August 29.

But for the artist, the financial rewards and the books' popularity are overshadowed by the excitement of fulfilling a childhood dream of drawing a

Batman comic book.

"I was into Batman when I was 10, when I was watching the old Batman TV series," he said at a book signing at El Cerrito's Allegro Ballroom last week. "All my pleasures of comic-book writing are closely-related to my childhood. Comic book artists all started as superhero fans, and when we got to 15, we stopped growing up."

But he has grown up enough to develop a social conscience that pervades his works. In the latest book, the Riddler, a quirky villain who forecasts his crimes in riddles, teams up with Batman in an uneasy alliance. Their common enemy is an unprincipled developer bent on forcibly removing a neighborhood housing squatters.

over the course of the three novels, the squatters win over the initially-skeptical Batman, who by the end of the book is preaching for a grass roots redevelopment of ghettos.

Badger brings his social activism to more than just Badger brings his social activism to more than just his work. He will donate the exhibit's proceeds to the Committee in Solidarity with the People of the the El Salvador (CISPES), an organization supporting grass roots revolution in that country.

"I was brought up a good liberal Democrat ... and one who will fight for truth, justice, and the American way. I love the underdog, and often this attitude gets focused into drawing comic books," said Badger, who is a member of CISPES's organizing committee.

"It's too bad Batman is concerned with only straight domestic policy. After our book, he got a little better with housing issues, though."

Sensitivity to touchy news topics is what got Bad-ger and Jones the Batman assignment in the first place. Two years ago, Jones and Badger wrote an an adult-type comic book for DC Comics that included

place. Two years ago, Jones and Badger wrote an an adult-type comic book for DC Comics that included an attempted rape scene.

The publishers gave their initial approval of the controversial scenes but changed their minds when the final layouts were printed. A contract states that publishers need to ask the artists' consent for changes at this final stage, and Badger and Jones offered to change the book in exchange for a Batman assignment and a \$5,000 donation to CISPES.

But Badger worries about people misconceiving him as a serious activist without a sense of humor. In his next Batman project, the superhero protects an aging jazz legend whose character is based on the late Charlie Parker. Badger is a jazz connosieur, and his latest book includes references to Eric Dolphy and Charles Mingus.

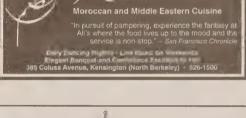
ger, who is a free-lance artist, says he will take a long respite from Batman in favor of other comic book projects. "After this book, I'll have drawn over 225 pages of Batman," he says. "When you draw comics, you go around in circles and have fun when you come back and do more with a character.

Badger moved to the Bay Area two years ago after living 12 years in New York City, which gave him an understanding of Manhattan's dankness that shows up in the book. Originally enrolled as an art student at New York's Parsons School of Design, he quickly decided on a comic book career after graduation.

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item on the menu.

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Library-

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Kennedy said that in all of Contra Costa County, Kensington has the highest per capita library use, whether in number of visits, of library card holders or books

the highest per capita library use, whether in number of visits, of library card holders or books checked out.

"It's a historical pattern," she said. "This community has always used the library a lot.

"There's lots of after-school use. And according to the census, Kensington has the highest level of education in the county. It's a very literate community."

Whatever the reason may be, residents love their library. Friends president John Harper said that over 100 people turned out to a town meeting held several weeks ago by the group to discuss the possibility of a library services assessment district.

This Monday, said Harper, the Friends of the Library gave a letter to Supervisor Tom Powers, asking that an initiative be put on the November ballot which would form a special library assessment district in the town. Powers was to go to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday; the request for a ballot measure would then go on to the election department.

The ballot measure will require

Tuesday; the request for a ballot measure would then go on to the election department.

The ballot measure will require a 2/3 vote to pass. If the county had the authority to establish an assessment district for library services, just a majority vote would be needed. But Harper said that though such authority has been included by the state legislature in the last two budgets, it has been vetoed by the governor. Should it be included and approved this time, it would be too late to appear on the November ballot as a simple advisory vote.

Kennedy said she expects that the Kensington community will vote to tax itself with the needed 2/3 majority. But services may be reduced for a time, no matter how the November vote goes.

"This is the earliest time we

could do anything," said Harper. could do anything, salu rialper.

"But let's assume the worst-case scenario, Services may be down to the minimum as early as September, and there might be some hiatus period before we receive any monies collected." monies collected.

Thus library services in Kensington may be reduced for a while before they are restored

In looking ahead toward the November ballot measure, Kennedy stresses that for her, "it's not a personal issue." After all, she notes, the retention of a six-day week for the library would not mean the retention of its current staff.

staff.

After the cuts, she said, the positions left will be filled according to seniority in the system. All over, she said, people are checking the lists to see where they might fit in (or not fit in), though it's difficult to tell without knowing work histories.

Kennedy herself has been with

Kennedy herself has been with Kennedy herself has oeen wurten library almost seven years. Under the 30 percent budget reduction, worst-case scenario, she said she expected to be demoted from branch librarian to librarian but thought she would probably still have a place within the system. system.

system.
"But our children's librarian would have no job at all," she said, explaining that the current children's librarian works only 20 hours per week now and that there will be no part-time employees on staff

staff.
Kennedy wasn't even sure what kinds of children's library services would remain. While the Friends could continue to offer some special children's programs, she said, "Under the plan, we don't see a youth services librarian. It just says few children's programs will remain."

Kennedy said that the library receives 23 percent of its current revenue from the county's special

district augmentation fund, a source the county is considering gradually eliminating over the next two to three years. "The longer they waited, the more they would have to cut," she said, explaining why the county is moving ahead before the state's budget decisions are made. "It's based on their best guess," she said.

The county's Phase I reductions will be effective Sept. 1 and in-

The county's Phase I reductions will be effective Sept. 1 and include the elimination of certain staff, reduction in service to detention facilities, elimination of the Bay Area Information and Referral System (a community services data base), and elimination of all funds for capital projects and 80 percent of funds for office furniture and equipment.

"That's just the tip of the iceberg," said Kennedy. Phase II reductions are bound to come, but plans all depend on what the state does, she said.

Kennedy attended last Mon-

does, she said.

Kennedy attended last Monday's board meeting, where library users lobbied for services.

She said she had mixed feelings about what she heard there.

"It was so sad, listening to the

list of everyone who was going to

And while she hopes for And while she nopes for the success of those who want to keep the libraries open, with the service they provide to the community, it was hard to compete with other needed programs, she said, from programs for battered children to foster care assistance to police services.

"There are just so many demands on this ever-shrinking pot of money," she said.

Direct costs for the Kensington library total \$213,563, according to figures from Gold. That does not include support services received from the main county library, such as cataloging and the filling of vacancies, Kennedy said.

Letters cont'd

similar to the city of El Cerrito. I know of no cities which in reality are similar. The status quo has long been the way of procedure in our city. Finding new avenues of taxation is part of this status quo. The only really new thing under the sun has been an attempt at people input...the formation of various task forces. These impotent forces have been superficial at best and are just another element of the status ruo.

Myron H. Way

Position clarified

In last week's Journal, an article about AC Transit stated that I suggested a large marketing campaign to compensate for the ridership loss from the latest fare increases. This is incorrect.

What I did suggest was that we earmark some of the moneys from the fare increase to marketing our service. I have not been in agreement with the majority of the present AC Transit Board about marketing services, and have often stated my belief that we should let people know about our new routes. Rather than cut the service so drastically, I believe we should give the public the opportunity to know the service exists and is available.

I can understand the folly of large billboard expendi-

ures, but I am suggesting that inexp evices such as leafleting specific n mall posters in local stores would i bout out service and expand ridersl

AC Transit Board of

Free to pay

During the debate on the new transfer tare imposed by the El Cerrito City Council on to at the 7-20-92 meeting, Councilmember Jank gave me the impression that she feels she isn a fair share of property tax, that the city is mobenevolent in providing so much for so little, of fore believes the transfer tax would be a small providing some council she ever sells here home.

city, she is free to "put her money where and donate the difference in taxes betwee rates and current market value. Then we by and cheer to "see Jane run" to City H hand and the look of a relieved co

Police-

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included a 1991 Nissan pickup in the 6500 block of Fairmont Street (long scratch), a 1987 Nissan Maxima in the 1700 block of Liberty Street (smashed window), and a 1981 Datsun 280ZX in the same block (broken window).

• Two vehicles were reported stolen; both were recovered. A 1992 Ford Escort was taken from the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot during the day July 11; it was later involved in a hit/run accident in Richmond and was towed.

A 1991 Toyota truck was taken from the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue after the thief cheated the

lock. The theft took place between

July 21 and 23.

• Property thefts from vehicles included an in-dash stereo and speakers from El Cerrito Plaza on July 17; a purse from the back seat of a car parked in the 7300 block of Cutting Boulevard between 1 a.m. and 5 .m. July 19; a purse from under the seat of a car parked at El Cerrito High School during the evening of July 21; and jewelry and office equipment from the back seat of a car parked at the Travelodge during the night of July 14.

• In addition, all four wheels the bucket seats, the back seat stereo equipment and visors were taken from a 1992 Nissan Sentra

parked in the 3200 block mont Street. The incider on July 19, between 8:4 10:50 p.m. The car was jack stands.

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• El Cerrito officers; assistance to the Richmon and to the Kensington PD

Fire chief-

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ton's fire district budget, he

said.

County cuts also result from State of California decisions, said Treese; cuts in county funding get passed on to the local jurisdictions.

He estimated that Kensington might lose one-third of the county's special district augmentation funding this year, funding that accounts for \$602.000 of the district's budfunding that accounts for \$602,000 of the district's bud-

get.
"'We were told by the county, 'We won't cut the fire

department; it's important.'''
said Treese. "But that's exactly
what they're doing."
The town's special tax of \$83
per household contributes about
\$198,000 to the budget, he said.
The board is working under
an Aug. 7 deadline to submit
any raise in the tax to voters on
a November ballot. What
amount Kensington's residents
may be asked to pay hadn't yet
been decided. It's not easy to
know what might be necessary.
"It depends on what the state
does," Treese said. "We just

don't know."

Whatever the amount proposed by the district board this week, he said, it will be intended to make up for the special district augmentation funding rather than for the state's direct ABS contribution.

rather than for the state's direct AB8 contribution.

Treese said he and Police Chief Jim Bray are trying to put together a town meeting in the next two weeks, a meeting at which board members of both districts and county representatives would discuss various options with residents.

Scouts

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biography, "It was a very pleasant project to organize, something that I hope younger generations of Scouts will decide to take upon themselves, beautifying an area where they grew up, as well as putting all that they learned in scouting on display."

Bartholomew played varsity soccer for El Cerrito High. He will major in pre-med at UC-Irvine. He is the son of Jim and Joan Bartholomew of El Cerrito. Jim Bartholomew is a former Troop 104 scoutmaster.

Bradley Restel earned 25 Merit badges, including Soil/Water Con-servation and Rifle Shooting.

Among his leadership experiences are den chief, skill award instruc-tor and patrol leader. His Eagle services project at Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley involved painting a trel-lis as well as repairing and paint-ing the fence.

lis as well as repairing and painting the fence.

"... I did learn something more valuable than a few knots," he wrote in his Scouting Autobiography. 'I did learn that with the fun that comes along with things there is always responsibility following right behind ... It takes a lot to survive, and like the wilderness back yard of Canada, the real world takes no prisoners. We are the governors of our lives.''

Restel was on El Cerri varsity cross county and teams. He plans to major med at UC-San Diego. He

med at UC-San Diego, He son of Linda Restel of El and Larry Restel of Willia Troop 104's news Scouts are Garrett Schrinde and Andrew Butl Richmond, who becan troop's 53rd and 54d Scouts, respectively, pass Eagle Board July 16. For their Eagle served they supervised the plant 188 live oak trees in Els for the City of Richmot Eagle Court will he held by year.

Permit-

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member Thelma Rubin, who moved to reverse the Planning and Zoning decision. Rubin said it was a matter of equity for the many people who had been refused simi-

people who had been refused similar home occupations since the law was passed in 1978.

"And there is no way that the city can enforce the conditions of such a permit at this time," she said, citing additional staff and police time that would be necessary.

"Equity is important," said Councilmember Mike Brodsky,

'but does that drastically contra-"but does that drastically contra-dict the residential character of the neighborhood?" He said he was impressed with the applicant and the testimony of class members. "If there is an avalanche of appli-cations, we can consider them when it happens."

cations, we can consider them when it happens."
Mayor Bill Cain said the "glowing testimonials" were fine, but he was concerned about the cumulative effect of the growing number of home occupations on the neighborhoods. He said a survey had revealed 13 home businesses in the two blocks surroundnesses in the two blocks surrounding the Statman residence

On a 2-to-1 vote, with Councilmembers Baker and Good absent, the council denied the application "without prejudice," making it simpler for Statman to reapply for a permit for the scaledback schedule of one eightmember class per week which she presented prior to the hearing. The council also agreed to request the Planning and Zoning Commission consider revising the city code in light of the increasing popularity of home occupations. of home occupations

Park-

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"I'm disappointed at being led to believe the bill is so fragile," said Councilmember Elizabeth Baker, adding that she didn't see how removing the three-city agreement would help.
"What troubles me," Baker said, "is that the best interests of Albany are seen as problems."
"Albany wants to be a major player," Mayor Bill Cain said. The resolution, without altering the council's support of AB754, puts the city on record that "we've

started something and want to be included," he said.

The amended version of the bill endorsed by the council puts responsibility and liability on the state for toxic and hazardous waste testing and cleanup and requires any Eastshore State Park master plan to be consistent with the general plans of the affected cities.

AB754 will require the East Bay Regional Park District to act as agent for the state for the purpose of acquisition, planning and development of a contiguous

shoreline park and bay the eastern end of the Bunorth to the Richmond by bill also requires the subdistrict to enter into agreemanagement and opening park.

park.
Assemblyman Bates is duled the bill to return this the Senate, where it has passed, for further amo making it possible to that thy to the Assembly flow pass further review by it islative committee

Schools

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new portable classrooms installed last week at the Middle School were leased at \$18,000 a year for three years using fee funds, he

Elementary school enrollments, numbering 1,262 last fall, are expected to increase by 247 and peak in 1996; last fall's 621 middle school students are expected to go up by 259, peaking in 1999; and high school enrollments, 698 last year, are expected to increase by 219 to peak in 2003, according to

studies used to justify the fee in-

studies used to justify the fee increase.

The School Facilities Fund is collected by the city when building permits are issued and turned over to the school district quarterly. The city deducts a 3 percent administration fee.

The fund is unrelated to ongoing district feasibility studies for building a new high school and other long term projects. Hudson daid research consultants will conduct a community-wide survey in duct a community-wide survey in the near future to determine the

Budget-

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ample, might be a major potential area for combination. But since Kensington goes through the Albany P.D. for all its dispatching, Bray noted, "They're throwing big numbers around, (while) our

district numbers are not nearly as high."

Kensington's savings, he said, would be most felt if the group merged personnel.

At this point, said Bray, the involvement of the unincorporated

town in that joint rew work might raise a lighthat would need to be m

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1Events This Week



Ray Young Miller), a retired eye surgeon with an eye for the standard of the children, in the mother of their nine children, in the standard of Berkeley production of Tina Howe's comic ence 'Coastal Disturbances,' which continues its run at the Live (Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman) in Berkeley, July 31, 1, 6, 7, 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8; 528-5620.

ents that explore a point of view:

ewish Film Festival opens Saturday

The annual Jewish Film Festival comes to Berkeley's U.C. Theatre My University Ave. at Shattuck) Aug. 1 through 6. Here is the sched-

Sturday, Aug. 1 — Opening Reception (5 p.m.), Cup Final (6 sal, Time for Cherries with Baby Doll (8 p.m.) Sunday, Aug. 2 — A Day in October (12:30 p.m.), Photographs for Orchidren with Souvenir (2:30 p.m.), Loving the Dead with Invisible by (4:30 p.m.), The Last Marranos with Toledo (6:30 p.m.), Intimate Sanger with Sepharad (8:30 p.m.) Loving the Dead with Invisible by (4:30 p.m.), The Last Marranos with Toledo (6:30 p.m.), Intimate Sanger with Sepharad (8:30 p.m.) Ronday, Aug. 3 — Three Sephardic shorts (5:30 p.m.), The Last Intil (7:30 p.m.), The Holy Office (9:15 p.m.)
Thesday, Aug. 4 — I Love You, Rosa (free, 2 p.m.), Get Out! (5:30 p.m.), Black to the Promised Land (7:30 p.m.), Zebrahead (9:15 p.m.) Wednesday, Aug. 5 — The House on Chelouche Street (free, 2 p.m.), Slaves of Memory (5:30 p.m.), Deadly Currents (7:30 p.m.), The Palestinian shorts (9:45 p.m.)
Thursday, Aug. 6 — Every Time We Say Goodbye (free, 2 p.m.), Fred Leaving Home with Godzilla (6 p.m.), The Sandwich Years and toxing party.
Tickets are \$4 to \$10; call 548-0556 or 843-6267 for information.

Film and music at La Peña

On Saturday, a Cuban dance band called Sonora Caribeña, featuring in Reynoso, plays at 9:30 p.m. (\$8). On Sunday at 7:30 p.m., it's a mealled Finally Got the News, which recounts the story of black automates in Detroit and the formation of the Dodge Revolutionary Union when the story of the Carbon State of the State

heater for a 'thin obsessed' society

RATLIP Readers Theatre presents an evening of monologues, skits, usic and choreography to "entertain, provoke and amuse, as well as tallenge myths and attitudes about being fat in a thin-obsessed socially in the state of the s

Other summer theater:

A'romantic comedy in black'

James Graham Bronson's Willie & Esther, a comedy about being town, out and low on cash in south central L.A., opened last weekend had plays through Aug. 23 at the Black Repertory Group, 3201 Adeline S. in Berkeley. The play is directed by Diann McCannon and stars Edwina Moore and Hugh Dane. Variety called it the "black Boneymooners," and the play won awards in Los Angeles, where it ran lift six months last year. Tickets are \$15 to \$25, available at Bass/TM wiles and Marcus Book Stores. It plays at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Surday and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Call 652-2120 for more information.

Blue Rose presents 'The Nerd'

The Theater of the Biue Rose presents *The Nerd*, a farce by the late distinction playwright Larry Shue. It runs Friday and Saturday evenings 18:50,p.m. the next three weekends, with a final performance Sunday, dug. 16, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5; no reservations. The theater is at 2525 lighth St. (between Parker and Dwight), Berkeley; 540-5037.



Henry Doane's 1991 watercolor 'By the Bay.' Doane Joins 12 other affits in an exhibit at Oakland's Jack London Village Exhibit Gallery, 30 fack London Square, through Aug. 23. Other East Bay artists are lack Anderson and Charlotte Bitton (El Ceritid), and Elizabeth Roberg (Berkeley). Open daily from 11:30 to 5:30 p.m., with a reception for the artists Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; 893-0319.



Melanie Griffith is a detective seeking a killer in a neighborhood of Hasidic Jews. Here she questions Ariel (Eric Thal), left, the rebbe (Lee Richardson) and Mr. Klausman (David Rosenbaum).

Griffith ridiculous in Hasidic mystery

Forget 'Stranger Among Us'; here's a rundown on the Jewish Film Festival

Melanie Griffith rushes in where angels fear to tread. Just recently, in *Shining through*, she impersonated a half-Jewish, German-speaking amateur spy. The result was embarrassing.

Now, in A Stranger Among Us, she plays New York police detective Emily Eden, a tough cookie with Brillo Pad hair and a dan-

tective Emily Eden, a tough cookie with Brillo Pad hair and a dangling cigarette, who infiltrates Brooklyn's Hasidic (ultraorthodox Jewish) community in order to find a killer. The result—oy vey!—is excruciating.

An added embarrassment is that the film was directed by Sidney Lumet, who has made such fine pictures as The Pawnbroker, Dog Day Afternoon, and Network (but also turkeys like Just Tell Me What You Want). The writer is Robert J. Avrech (Body Double).

Griffith neither walks like a cop nor talks like a cop. What she does resemble is—excuse me, but I have to say it—a Hollywood dumb blonde.

The questions she asks the

bbe (spiritual leader) of his community, are dumb blonde questions that no New Yorker would ask: What are those curls by the side of your face, and why do you wear them? Why do you keep meat and milk separate?

I guess the filmmakers are trying to educate the public, but please — give us a break.

Far more educational, and entertaining, are scenes in which the film moves into the Hasidic community, showing a vibrant Sabbath observance and a Hasidic wedding that's unlike anything you may recall from Goodbye Columbus.

Anyone yearning for Jewish subject matter, or just for some good movies, would do better to take in the Jewish Film Festival (see a complete schedule in the Events column on this page).

As we're all aware, this is the Quincentennial of the momentous year 1492, when Columbus 'discovered'' America — but when, in addition, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella expelled both Moslems and Jews from Spain.

In commemoration of this last event, the Jewish Film Festival this year focuses on films by and about Sephardic Jews — Jews from Spain, the Mediterranean, the Middle East.

This group includes The Last Marranos, a documentary about Portuguese Jews who practice their religion in secret; Intimate Stranger, a biographical film about one descendant of a family expelled from Spain; and several shorts on Sephardic Jews.

Not to be missed are the free matinees comprising the Moshe Mizrachi retrospective. Mizrachi, a Sephardic Jew who won a Best Foreign Film Oscar for Madame Rosa in 1978, is also the director of two wonderfully evocative movies set in pre-independence Palestine: I Love You Rosa and, my own favorite, The House on Chelouche Street (both were also nominated for Oscars).

In addition, there's his 1986 Everytime We Say Goodbye, starring — Tom Hanks. No, I've never heard of this one either, but the press kit touts the film's authentic Ladino (Hebrew-Spanish) dialogue. Check it out, to borrow Joe Bob Briggs' line.

Other films of interest at the JFF include three that showed at last spring's San Francisco International Film Festival: Get Out, a Russian film about a definitely non-Fiddler-on-the-Roof Jewish dairyman in an early 20th-century shtet! (Jewish village); Back to the

Griffith neither walks nor talks like a copmore like a Hollywood blonde.

Promised Land, an often funny, ut timately moving documentary about a group of African-American teens who spend 10 weeks working on a kibbutz; and Zebrahead, a realistic drama about a black-Jewish teen romance.

More to check out: The Sand wich Years, a French film set in 1947. Despite an overly diffuse plot, the central story, of the bond between a teenaged Jewish Holocaust survivor and the cynical second-hand dealer who takes him in, is engrossing and well acted.

And Freud Leaving Home, which is not about Sigmund but about a 25-year-old Swedish woman named Freud.

The Jewish Film Festival plays at Berkeley's UC Theatre August 1 to 6. For schedule information, phone 843-6267; for ticket information, call 548-0556.

Mining the subversive in recent California art

By Laura Jamison

Some 18 months of studio visits by Philip E. Linhares, the Oakland Museum's chief curator of art, have yielded wildly diverse — and uniformly wild — works by artists from all over the state.

"From the Studio: Recent Painting and Sculpture by 20 California Artists" is a joy to romp through, if somewhat discombobulating. It's impossible to find a unifying theme or esthetic in this exhibit, but all the works reflect a large dose of invention and, in many cases, a grand sense of humor.

humor.

Michael Davis' complicated installation "Atom and Eve" requires a bit of active investigation
to be fully appreciated. The roomsize piece uses video images, ambient sounds and illuminated etchings of Adam and Eve taken from
Jan Van Eyck's "Ghent Altarpiece."

picce."

A clock inside the room, for example, also serves as a screen where activity outside the room appears, though this isn't immediately evident.

Reflecting a TV-era consciousness, F. Scott Hess paints oversized, hyperreal scenes of contem-

porary America in all its ugliness

porary America in all its ugliness and supreme weirdness.

His "First Salvo," (1991), a warped Norman Rockwell family-in-action painting, shows dad washing dishes in a pink apron, huge bones left on ravaged dinner plates, mom reaching for a Pepsi in the fridge (where a fresh box of Rocky Mountain Oysters lurks) and two hideous-looking children taunting each other.

The monstrays deniction of kids

The monstrous depiction of kids is both startling and amusing, and perhaps a comment on the inherent ugliness of the human spirit.

ugliness of the human spirit.

"League," (1992) Margaret Honda's minimalistic sculpture, is singularly chilling. The artist fills a dimly lit room with large hooks hanging from invisible fishing wire. The hooks seem to number in the hundreds, and by hanging them at all different levels throughout the room, Honda questions the artist's use of space, as well as the human right to it.

Yet another room-size installation, "Master Bedroom" (1989-92), is an extravagant, colorful and finally humorous

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Mellssa Pokorny's 'Stacked,' a 1990 work of plastic, wood, paper and newsprint; part of the exhibit 'From the Studio'



It's college days 1930s style in 'Good News!'

Youthful performers make up in enthusiasm what they lack in experience

You say your vacation's over and you feel stuck in the midsummer doldrums? You say all the overheated political palaver has put you in a quandary? Well, down on your heels, up on your toes, the Contra Costa Civic Theater has Good News! for you.

Musical Comedy

Sung and danced with youthful zest by CCCT's company of talented theatrical hopefuls, the Jazz Age musical is guaranteed to snap you out of a slump. Good News! directed by Kathleen Ray, romps across the CCCT stage in El Cerrito weekends through Aug. 15.

Sprinkled with hummable popular favorites by B.G. DeSylva, Lew Brown and Ray Henderson—"The Best Things in Life Are Free," "Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries," "Button Up Your Overcoat" and more—Good News! is a jazzy collegiate caper with the fun of a sophomore sock hop.

with the fun of a sophomore sockhop.

The plot asks the classic question, Can Tait College beat its arch-rival, Colton U., in the Big Game when their star halfback is off the team for failing astronomy?

Will the professor and the coach overcome irreconcilable differences to renew their college remance?

romance?
Will undergraduate flappers and sheiks get dates for the prom?
Will they find a team mascot to replace the goat who ate all the towels in the locker room?
Up-front credit in CCCT's Good News! goes to Matt Flynn for ingenious stage design which, once again, gets spontaneous applause usually reserved for human stars.

Marble pillars and brick, ivy-covered college walls, an authen-tic men's locker room, sorority

house, malt shop, an enlarged knothole in a fence through which to view the climax of the Big Game, and especially a 1930ish black sedan, constructed by black sedan, constructed by Lawrence Muilenburg, lend the production lots of its colorful good humor.

But there's plenty of applause to go around for the 22 high-stepping performers singing and dancing 19

go around for the 22 high-stepping performers singing and dancing 19 musical numbers.

Outstanding among them is Mark David Wimple as Pooch Kearny, Tait's laconic trainer. Wimple's timing is perfect in routines reminiscent of the best of the good old days of vaudeville, in scenes with the little dog Muffin (played by Peaches), and in singing "Keep Your Sunny Side Up" with "the boys."

Three romantic triangles are sorted out on the way to the big "Varsity Drag" finale. Coach Bill Johnson, wrapped up in football, and astronomy professor Charlotte Kenyon, who hates football, are played by the handsome pair, Alex Wilken and Suzanne Smith.

Smith sweetly sings the solo

Smith sweetly sings the solo "Together," and the two are co-mically tender in their duet, You're the Cream in My Cof-

Football hero Tom Marlowe (Marcus Klinger), hotly pursued by the determined coed Pat (Cindy Kinnard), finds his astronomy tutor Connie (Wendy Cruz) much more to his liking.

And raucous Babe O'Day (Elaine M. Walenta) throws over the musclebound Beef Saunders (Raju Singh) for the surprise-hero Bobby Randall (Andrew Brown).

Saddle shoes, knickers, teddies and '30s costumes are by Janice Koprowski and imaginative choreography by Licia M. Steindrager.

drager.

The Contra Costa Civic Theater reserves its summers for musical shows by young performers, both



Professor Kenyon (Suzanne Smith) and Coach (Alex Wil-ken) are drawn to each other in 'Good News!'

■ Events This Week- continue

UC Summer Symphony presents high-class classical pops

Each summer the UC Summer Symphony, composed of who are mainly UC students, gives one concert. This year this Friday at 8 p.m. at Hertz Hall at UC-Berkeley. The confort Tchaikowsky's Symphony No. 5; the "Prelude and Lieb Wagner's Tristan und Isolde with Judith Raddue, sopran Sinfonia Concertante (Michelle Dulak, violin, and Georg viola); and Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Fandrews and James Kwak conduct. Tickets are \$2.

Batman comic art in El Cerrito

A three-comic-book series called Run, Riddler, Run is a Oakland artist Mark Badger and San Francisco writer Gera was released with The Return of Batman movie this sum has put together an exhibit documenting the production of "Run, Riddler, Run: The Comic Art of Mark Badger" will Allegro Ballroom, 10690 San Pablo Ave. in El Cerrito, Int 29. The ballroom is also a dance studio. Its gallery is open from noon to 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. or by appointment 9100.

Studio-

send-up of common esthetics and values. Painstakingly adorned with red baroque curlicues from floor to ceiling, "Master Bed-room" at first seems to be just a tacky bydoir.

room at first seems to be just a tacky boudoir. On closer inspection, however, one finds outlandish phrases such as "King of Beasts" on the beds-

pread and "Consur wall paper. A curic sick and twisted son

by Thomask

Pet Sounds

on careers in the theater.

The performers' youthful energy, serious dedication to the work and obvious love for what they're doing give Good News! a buoyant freshness which outweighs any lack of theatrical experience. CCCT tops itself every year.

year.

That's the Good News! For once there is no bad news.

The musical plays at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays through Aug. 15 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Call 524-9132 for ticket information.



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SPORTS



By Peter Mentor

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A chance to watch the best

Swim coach critiques the Olympians

For most of us, the swimming events at the upcoming Olympics will be simple to watch. Eight people dive in the pool, paddle and kick furiously for a while, and the first one to touch the wall at the end of the pool wins.

But for Steve Haufler, head coach for the Montclair Swim Team, there's a lot more to it than that.

"What I look for — the key to swimming — is to see how the swimmers are reducing resistance and increasing force," Haufler said. "Of course, once you get to the Olympic level, all the swimmers will be able to do that pretty well, so I like to also look for the difference in technique and to see what trends are coming in and going out."

Those techniques and trends range from the obvious, such as the tendency of some swimmers to es-

Those techniques and trends range from the obvious, such as the tendency of some swimmers to eschew the standard grab start in favor of the recently-developed "track" start, to the subtle, such as the difference in how far under the body various swimmers' hands go in a particular stroke

Particular stroke.

Using a video tape of the U.S.
Olympic Trials, Haufler explained in specific detail some of the techniques and trends viewers can look



Head coach Steve Haufler follows the athletes closely.

for in the upcoming Olympics.
"From this angle (the screen showed a high camera shot encom-

showed a high camera shot encompassing eight women getting ready to start the 50 Free), you can't really see stroke details, so I look to see how strong their kick is, and how their general form is," Haufler said. From that high camera angle, viewers can see the whole field, which, by the end of the race should resemble a "V." That is, since the fastest qualifiers are awarded the middle lanes, and the not-so-fast are given the outside, the pack of

swimmers should look like birds in

If a swimmer in the outside lanes touches the wall first, you've seen a

major upset.

But before any of that happens,

trying to both push with the legs and pull with the arms to get the best start," Haufler said. "I think the track

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Youth Baseball Results

Outstanding Player of the Week

Jordan Tara, the starting pitcher for Berkeley Water Ski in the Junior Bantam
Pacific League Central Division, struck out the first nine batters in the team's 8-3
win over previously undefeated Drs. Nelson/Meyer/Ung.

It was the second win for Berkeley Water Ski after losing the first five of the
season. Drs. Nelson/Meyer/Ung has the best offensive power hitters in the Pacific
League and Tara retired every batter he faced for the perfect start. He was pulled
after the third inning when Berkeley Water Ski went out to a 7-0 lead.

respectively.

Emeryville II 17, Collin, Jacobson & Ellis 1

Emeryville II remained undefeated at 6-0 in Division II after pounding Collin, Jacobson & Ellis 17-1 on Saturday. The three other teams in Division II have only five wins combined, so Emeryville II is a shoe-in for the top spot in the upcoming

wins combined, so Emeryville I is a shot-in for the top spot in the opposition of playoffs.

Emeryville I raised its record to 4-1 after a clutch 7-4 victory over Y.A.P (3-2) to stay one game ahead of second place Miles Inc. (4-2) in Division I.

Miles Inc. 11, Kerovacis 0

Miles Inc. 15, kerovacis 11-0 in a must-win game to secure second place with three games remaining in the regular season. Only the top two teams from each division make the playoffs, so the win was essential for Miles Inc. because Y.A.P. (3-2) is only half a game behind.

Bob's Volooland 16, Woody & Son 7

Bob's Volooland used a big offense to beat Woody & Son and stay in the playoff race. Bob's is currently in second place despite a 2-3 record in the tough Division II.

Collin, Jacobson & Ellis is half a game back at 2-4 and the two teams meet this Saturday in a game that could decide who plays in the tournament and who watches. Game time is 3 p.m. at San Pablo #1.

HINIOR BANTAM AMERICAN LEAGUE (ages 11-12)

Big Daddy Fish House 12, Berkeley Rotary 10

A chess match is played whenever these two teams get together and last Thursday was no exception. Big Daddy coach Lenny Parker walked Berkeley Rotary slugger Calvin Williams in the bottom of the seventh inning and reliever Bobby Gex shut the door as Big Daddy held on for a 12-10 victory.

Big Daddy used three pitchers and strong defense in the win. Pitcher Chandler Long started the game on the mound for Big Daddy, but he did most of his work behind the plate as a hitter going 3-for-3 with three triples.

Big Daddy had a 9-0 lead after three innings and extended that to 9-5 going into the sixth inning. Berkeley Rotary was kept in check on good defense from Big Daddy first baseman Peter "Scoop" Schneider and catcher Carey Brown, who toesed out two Berkeley Rotary runners attempting to steal second base.

Adam Durrant worked the middle innings of the game and Big Daddy scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 12-10 lead going into the final inning. "It was a close game after the sixth inning," said Parker. "It was like the last game where we walked somebody and it almost backfired. We walked the same kid, Calvin Williams, and we got out of the inning."

The win kept Big Daddy (4-2) in second place behind Berkeley Rotary (6-1).

Berkeley Rotary 12, San Pablo Tennis Club 11
Berkeley Rotary rebounded from the loss to Big Daddy with its sixth win of the season, edging the San Pablo Tennis Club 12-11 on Saturday.

Berkeley Kiwanis 6, Check Center 3
Berkeley Kiwanis (1-6) finally got its first win in a 6-3 victory Check Center (4-3). The win was an upset because Check Center had been just one game behind first-place Rerkeley Rotary going into the contest. The loss put Check Center in third place, but more importantly it gave Berkeley Kiwanis reason to celebrate.

JUNIOR BANTAM NATIONAL LEAGUE (ages 11-12)

Emeryville 6, Mason McDuffie 6
Emeryville played even against Mason McDuffie, the best team in the National
Division, for a 6-6 tie to take sole possession of second place by half a game. Mason
McDuffie remained undefeated and in first place at 6-0-1, while Emeryville's record
went to 4-1-1, just ahead of third-place Bette's Diner (5-3).
Bette's Diner 7, Lee Frank Jewelers 0
As the playoff race heats up Bette's Diner shutout Lee Frank Jewelers 7-0 to stay
in third place in the league. Lee Frank Jewelers was coming off a shutout win over
hapless Truitt & White (0-9), but dropped to 4-3 with the loss to Bette's.
Lee Frank Jewelers 10, Truitt and White 0
Lee Frank Jewelers did what every team has done this season, beat Truitt &
White, a team still looking for that elusive first victory.

JUNIOR BANTAM PACIFIC LEAGUE (ages 9-10) EAST/WEST DIVISIONS

Cornucopia 15, J&O Enterprises 2 Cornucopia pitcher Landon Baines struck out 11 batters on his way to a one-hit, 15-2 win over J&O Enterprises in five innings. Baines and William Bennett hit back-to-back home runs, Darryl Paine tripled with bases loaded in the fourth inning and Gerald Johnson had three hits to give Cornucopia the offensive boost and a victory. The win came just one week after a win after a vacation-weakened Cornucopia was slaughtered 34-1 by Carpet Center. Cornucopia regained control of the West Division and is now in first place at 5-1, percentage points ahead of El Cerrito Sporting Goods at 6-2.

percentage points ahead of El Cerrito Sporting Goods at 6-2.

El Cerrito Sporting Goods 7, Round Table Pizza 0

El Cerrito Sporting Goods has the most wins in the West Divsion with its sixth coming in a 7-0 shutout over Round Table Pizza. That leaves El Cerrito's winning percentage at .750, behind Cornucopia at .833. The two teams meet Saturday at 8:45 at Grove Park to fight out for first place in the West Division.

Carpet Center 18, C.D.P. 9

Carpet Center continued to lead the East Division with an 18- 9 win over of C.D.P. on Saturday at James Kenney Field. Carpet C.D.P. put up a good fight, but once again dropped a game to stay winless at 0-6. Carpet Center upped its record to 6-0, tied for overall Pacific League best with Hotel Durant (6-0) in the Central Division.

Wareham Property 21, National Starch 0
Wareham Property kept its playoff hopes alive with a huge 21-0 shutout over winless National Starch. The top two team make the playoffs and Wareham Property is
in second at 2-3-1 with three games left in the regular season. One more win clinches
a playoff position for Wareham.

JUNIOR BANTAM PACIFIC LEAGUE (ages 9-10) CENTRAL/SOUTH DIVISIONS

Berkeley Water Ski 8, Dr.'s Nelson/Meyer/Ung 3

Berkeley Water Ski 8, Dr.'s Nelson/Meyer/Ung 3

Berkeley Water Ski pulled the upset of the season in an 8-3 win over previously undefeated Central Division leader Dr.'s Nelson/Myer/Ung.

It was the second consecutive win for Berkeley Water Ski after starting out the season with five losses.

Starting pitcher Jordan Tara gets credit for the win after pitching three perfect innings for Berkeley Water Ski. Tara struck out all nine batters he faced and was pulled only to get other players into the game.

Berkeley Water Ski backed up Tara's performance with seven runs during his three-inning span on home runs by Emette Harris and Leon Wilkins. Stephan Vernalue came on for Tara and pitched two innings and Raja Davenport shut the normally explosive Dr.'s down in the sixth inning to cement the win.

Miles Liechtenstein played a great game at first base to help in the win.

Berkeley Water Ski won it's first game 17-5 over Juan's Place in a battle of the last place teams a week earlier. Berkeley Water Ski felt the weight lifted in the first game and that propelled the team to beat the top-ranked Drs.

Miles Inc. 10, Juan's Place 6
Lonnie Cephas smashed a two-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning to break a 6-6 tie and push Miles Inc. to a 10-6 win.
Mile's Inc. pitcher Tiffany Green tossed three strong innings to hold the tie up to that point. Miles Inc. rests at 5.00 with a 3-3 record in a three-way tie for first place in the South Division with S.P.E.C and Emeryville.

Hotel Durant 26, Berkeley Boosters 3

PEE WEE (ages 7-8)
Legal Eagles played Wholesale Depot and Mertens last week with good play fro

Alameda wins second All-Star football classic By Anthony P. Kuttner

On the map, Alameda County is below Contra Costa County, but on the football field, Alameda is on

Sunday at Eells Stadium in Sunday at Eells Stadium in Antioch, the Alameda County All-Stars beat their counterparts from Contra Costa, 27-17in the 27th annual United Cerebral Palsy All-Star Football Classic.

The benefit exhibition each year pits the top seniors from each county.

The benefit exhibition each year pits the top seniors from each county against eachother. Overall, Conta Costa holds a 17-10 edge, but the last two years the trophy has come home with Alameda. "They always think of us as 'poor little Alameda,' so we have a lot of motivation coming into this game,' said Skyline grad Harlan Rashada, who is heading for Tempe to play

who is heading for Tempe to play linebacker with Arizona State

"They think because they have all the big guys that they're going to whup us, but we've got a lot of guys who can play."

Quarterback Shane McMillan

Quarterback Shane McMillan from Livermore and linebacker David Gill from Foothill won the MVP awards Sundaybut they got a lot of help from Oakland Athletic League and East Shore Athletic league players and coaches.

Alameda was coached by Dan Shaugnessy of St. Marry's, with help from Jay Lawson and Tony Fardella, who retired from Skyline High School last month.

Shaugnessy's best call was leaving McMillan in at quarterback all game. Although McMillan only completed five of his 12 passing attempts, four of the five were key plays.

He also russhed for 77 yards, including one 50-yard scoring

scramble that put Alameda ahead for good in the second quarter.

Skyline receivers played a big part in McMillan's success.

In the first quarter, McMillan hit tight end former Titan and future Cal-Berkeley Golden Bear Sean Bullard on a third-and-five for a 20-yard gain that set up Alameda's first

score.
Full back Donovan Britt of San
Leandro scored that first TD on a
one-yard burst over the goal line,
than repeated that play twice more
in the game to account for 18 of
Alameda's 27 points.
Contra Costa came back to tie
the game on a 21-yrad pass from
Concord's Dan Wettstein to Erik
Alston but on the next possession.

Alston, but on the next possession McMillan ripped off his long scramble for a 14-7 lead.

Following the Olympic track stars

Local coach specializes in sprinters

By Peter Mentor

The fastest runners in the world are going for the gold in Barcelona, and athletes from the United States are among the favorites.

What do we look for, other than the obvious times and places, to tell how well a runner is performing?

Darryl Hampton, head coach of the Skyline track team and founder and coach of the Acorn Track Club in Oakland, is a sprint specialist. He looks at three main areas of the athletes' performances: how they look when they run, how hard they run and how they do compared to their past performances.

"Basically (I watch) their form, strength and comparative time in what they run in the Olympic Trials," said Hampton. "Truthfully, the Olympic Games. It's harder to make the Olympic team than to win a gold medal."

The runner's form is important,

medal."
The runner's form is important, because a breakdown in form usually means a slower time.
"I look for, especially in the

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Darryl Hampton, Skyline track coach, says the trials are more important than the Olympics themselves.

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both teams.

Legal Eagles coach Lenny Parker said his infield was superb against Wholes
Depot with shortstop Franklin "Lee" Anthony, first baseman Jesse Cohen, s
ond baseman Peter Dittmer and third baseman Brian Hickman putting up a so
wall of defense.

wall of defense.

In the game against Mertens, brothers Alex and Kyle Wolf played like a welloiled machine and Andrew Capriston played well for Legal Eagles.

Berkeley Softball

Berkeley Adult Softball is off and running with games throughout the week. Each team plays 10 games over the course of the season and the top three teams will make it into the playoffs in September.

This paper will list results and scores each Thursday. Results can be called into our SPORTS HOTLINE at 528-8856. Standings and results

are current from the beginning of the week.

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THURSDAY B
Rockers 3-0
Yellow Dogs 2-1
Ozone Rangers 2-1
Silencers 1-2
Oak Club 1-2
Ogres 0-3

FRIDAY CO-REC-B

FRIDAY CO-REC-C

SUNDAY B

Sons of Cerveza 2-1 Dolphins 2-1 Corelli's 2-2 Dragons 0-4

Sluggers 3-1 F.P. Label 2-1 KWAT 2-1-1 Seneca 1-2-1 A-K's 0-3

SUNDAY NIGHT C Jack Of Trades 3-0 Our Gang 3-1 International Deli 3-1 Lazy Lightning 0-3 Shagonpopolons 0-4

SUNDAY NIGHT B

MONDAY B
The Jets 3-0
Kensington Circus 2-1
Brewers 2-1
Ozzies 1-2
NAD 1-2
Land Sharks 1-2

MONDAY C1 Imperials 3-0 Trout 2-1 Simply Red 2-1 Team X 1-2 Fuzz Busters 1-2 Amoeba Music 0-3

MONDAY C2 St. Bob & Dragon 3-0 B. Scum 2-1 Bagmen 2-1 Bruise Bros. 1-1-1 Berkeley Reds 0-2-1 Base Hits 0-3

MONDAY C Atman Batmen 2-1 Urban Guerrillas 2-1 Acme All Stars 2-1

Berkeley Rec League

TUESDAY CO-REC-B1 Friends/Relation 2-0 Stray Cats 2-0-1 Bette's Specials 2-1 Rockridge Blues 1-2 Double Trouble 1-2 Fleet Feet 0-3

Nancy and Sluggo D & T 2-1 Mary Janes 2-1 Hot Aluminum 1-2

TUESDAY C Xoma Antibodies 3-0 Kingfish 2-1 Step One 2-1 Loaded Bases 1-2 Mix Jaggers 1-2 Toxic Avengers 0-3

WEDNESDAY A

WEDNESDAY B1 Chester's Best 2-0-1 Cybelle's Pizza 2-0-1 Pokers 2-1 Charlie's Boys 1-2 Cant's 1-2 Imperials III 0-3

WEDNESDAY B2 Wicks Sticks 3-0 The Recs 3-0 Juan's Place 1-2 Black Avalanche 1-2 Silver and Black 1-2 T.L.C. 0-3

WEDNESDAY WOMEN C Injured Reserve 3-0

Individuals star in Blue Dolphins me

The Albany Blue Dolphins dropped their second straight meet in a 498-184 loss to the Rodeo Roughriders in Rodeo on Saturday. The loss put the Blue Dolphins' record at 2-2 after winning the first two meets of the season.

The best finishes for Albany came from Jeung Sub Lee in the Boys 11-12 and Bobbie Habdas in the Girls 7-8 divisions.

Lee won four individual events and was on the a second place free relay team. Lee won the 50 freestyle in 28.0 and captured the 50 fly in 36:47, placed first in the 50 backstroke in 37:60 and took the 100 individual medley race in 1:16.15. Lee's age division teammates Jason Hemp, Peter Lee, Casey Jackson and Trevor Wagner won the 100 medley relay in 2:41.26, while Hemp, Ted Healy, Jackson and Dashielle Lawrence won the 100 fire relay in 3.07.33. won the 100 free relay in 3:07.33.

Also in the Boys 11-12, Bay Supiya won the 50 breaststroke in 41.10. In the second heats, Wag-ner was first in the 50 free and Lawrence was first in the 50

breast.

Habdas was the star in the Girls 7-8 Division, taking three first-place victories. Habdas won the 25 free in 19.18, was first in the 25 breaststroke at 23:05 and was first to touch the wall in the 25 backstroke at 23:06. Acacia Quien, Habdas' teammate in that division, made it a Blue Dolphin sweep in the individual races by finishing first in the 25 butterfly in 22.22.

James Assia paced the Boys 7-8 as a double winner, taking the 25 free in 18.44 and the 25 fly in 22.06. Ian Jones won the 25 back in 25.18 and placed fine second heat of the 25 Dec. Bill Holden was first in the heat of the 25 freestyle in

vision.

Michelle Habdas shows swimming runs in the fasher win in the Girls 11-125 33.74. Jackie Au won the heat in the 50 free.

In the 9-10 division, Brodsky and Juan Chare, placed first in the second the girl' and boys' 50 brancespectively, and Chare, seecond heat of the boys' 50 stroke.

Swim-

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In the standard start, both feet are even on the front edge of the block. In the track start, one foot is behind the other in a position that resembles a sprinter's crouch.

"The weigh is on the back foot,

so I think the swimmer gets a little more push," Haufler said. "Plus, there's a little more tension in the arms, so as they push of with their legs, they spring forward with their

Off the block, the swimmers don't just go flat into the water.

"You want to go up in the air, than drop down in the water going through as small a hole as possible," Haufler said.

To illustrate, he played and replayed a tape of the start of the Men's 100 Free.

"Look at Matt Biondi," Haufler said, pointing to the '88 Gold winner. "See how high in the air his hips are. He makes hardly any splash

going into the water.

"Now this guy (Haufler pointed to a swimmer who failed to qualify) got a terrible start. He didn't get very high, and look how big a splash

line. That is, the extend there bodies as narrowly as possible and glide a ways before starting their strokes

"The trick is to blend your push speed with your swim speed. Glidng is faster than swimming, so you don't want to start early and lose some of the momentum from your start, but you don't want to wait too long or you'll lose time catching up to your stroke.

"Of course, at the Olympic level, they all pretty much have it down pat."

At the Olympic level, all the swimmers also have excellent stroke

bodies, but they're all so good at this level that the differences are slight," Haufler said. "The differences are very slight, and almost impossible to see unless you're right there with them or under the water."

For the uninitiated viewer, it is much easier to spend the bulk of the race watching for who is ahead.

But again at the end of the race there is room for the novice to appreciate something beyond who finishes first.

"At the finish, you try to reach the wall fully extended," Haufler

said. "It's more a matter of la

anything else.

"It's not like the high jumpy you know where each step and you can time your jump". In the ideal finish, the second arm fully you can arm fu

will have one arm full exite he touches the wall. Rules the athletes to finish a stroke is started, so the swimmer paddle half way, then shool arm to touch the wall.

One trick to look for is to the swimmer has time to harm over at the end. That is, of touching the wall with the face down, the swimmer marm over so the palm is face. extends the reach by about

A good finish can mean ference between a medal an tant memory.

Track-

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women, their posture, arm swing, knee drive and stride length," he said. "I look at their posture to see it they're standing erect. I look at the leg drive, the toes and the knees; real minute things that can make a

difference. Hampton tells his runners to keep their toes pointed straight and get down the track. He said there are exceptions to the rule. "Leroy Burrell, because he's so muscular, has a tendency to fold his legs behind him on a stride," said Hampton. "They come up to his

behind and his feet fold over. He has

bening and his feet fold over. He has the power to overcome that." Hampton wouldn't try to fix Burrell at this point, because de-spite the mechanical flaw Burrell puts in world-class times.

puts in world-class times.
"If he's relaxed doing it and runs
fast times," said Hampton. "Burrell
played baseball before. He may have
learned it there."
In the 100-meter dash a runner

must get a good jump from the blocks and not come up too soon. The strat-egy is to come up gradually and at a certain point attain maximum speed. "The body changes during the

race," said Hampton. "In the beginrace, said Hampton. "In the begin-ning you want to have your body down and your head relaxed. You don't want to pop up into an erect posture your first four steps. You gently bring your body up to 80

percent.

"You start shifting gears 30 meters down the track with your arms up near your face. You focus down the track, keeping your knees at 90 degrees and your elbows at 90 degrees angles both in front and relay section in the Trials.

"If I have a group of runners that can run faster than the time of the

relay team, why shouldn't them in the Olympics?," stait ton. "Why shouldn't they go their country. The four fasts ners may not have the fasts at a time.

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(Skyline) didn't have the fase ners, but we came in second put them together, they have working together."

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On that run, McMillan had a CC defensive back charging toward him near the 30-yard line, but Skyline receiver Ron Smith, who will play for the University of Pacific this fall, came through with a pad-pop-

ping block to spring McMillan.

That was Smith's second best play of the game. His best came in the fourth quarter.

CC had just scored, and their defense had Alameda on the ropes.

Under pressure, McMillan rolled

rightand threw up a floater. Smith, running deep, pulled up to catch the ball, then side-stepped the defensive back and sprinted toward the

He was pulled down on the one for a 53-yard gain, and two plays

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ors have known for years ng women seem to be d against a variety of diseases. Soon after lost as the rates of heart cancer, and stroke quickly h those of similarly aged the crippling bone disease rosis also increases in cy as women age past

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s: strogen alone reduces the risk art disease and stroke by y 50 percent in women from 0 to 75. Heart disease is a

significant risk in older women, causing 10 times more deaths in this age group than either breast cancer or osteoporosis.

The reduction in heart disease may be the result of estrogen's beneficial effect on cholesterol levels (it raises the good cholesterol and lowers the bad cholesterol). Estrogen may also have a direct effect on blood vessels that makes them resistant to blockage by cholesterol.

*Estrogen increases the risk of cancer of the uterus nearly five-fold. Fortunately this tumor is rarely fatal. Surprisingly, studies that have compared women who developed this cancer while on estrogen to women without cancer who never took estrogen found that the cancer patients actually lived longer. This is probably the result of estrogen's other benefits.

*Taking the hormone progesterone with estrogen eliminates the risk of cancer of the uterus, but it may raise cholesterol levels, thereby increasing the risk of heart disease.

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*ERT reduces the risk of *ERT reduces the risk of serious fractures caused by osteoporosis, particularly in women over the age of 70. Bone fractures in this age group are often complicated by permanent loss of mobility, blood clots, and aven presuments.

en pneumonia. ERT increases the risk of breast ERT increases the risk of breast cancer, but not the risk of dying of breast cancer. This confusing statement is not easily explained. Women who take estrogen for less than 10 years have no increased risk of breast cancer. Women who take it for 15 or more years have a 30 to 40 percent higher risk of getting breast cancer, but for some reason, estrogen users who develop breast cancer seem to be cured more often.

This may be because the estrogen-caused breast cancers are less lethal, or because women on estrogen tend to get more regular check ups.

estrogen tend to get more regular check ups. *Estrogen reduces the frequency of hot flashes, sleep and mood disorders, and relieves vaginal dryness.

Confused? Welcome to the

Contused? Welcome to the club, Your doctor is no less confused. But one thing is clear when all this is boiled down. Women who are willing and able to take ERT live longer. Women who take ERT for more than 15 years have a death rate that is 40. who take ERT for inforcular 15 years have a death rate that is 40 percent lower than similar women who are not on hormones. It seems that the benefit on the heart and bones outweighs the risk of

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The Last Marranos will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the U.C. Theater on University Avenue.

Sanchez traces his history back to the sixth century when Jews in Europe were forcibly converted to Christianity and expelled from various European countries. His ancestors lived in Valencia, Spain, and even though they converted, they were suspect.

The conversos remained in Spain until the 1690s, then immigrated to the New World. Sanchez' forbearers settled in what is now New Mexico. They continued to intermarry and call themselves Catholic, while keeping Jewish

practices alive in secret.

Sanchez became a member of a Catholic religious order and studied the history of the Catholic church in depth. But in 1981, he decided he could no longer live the life of a Crypto-Jew. He left his order and began to openly practice hadden.

During the brunch, Sanchez will not only describe his own experi-ences, but will share information he has gathered from interviewing other Crypto-Jews and examining various documents related to the subject.

Combined tickets for the brunch and film are available for \$11. The brunch alone is \$6. For more information and reservations, call 848-0237.



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By Julie Freestone

Tony Sanchez and his family might have looked to the world like a typical New Mexico Catholic family, but in reality, they were Crypto-Jews, descendants of Spanish Jews who practiced their religion in secret while pretending to convert to Christianity.

Sanchez will talk about the history of his ancestors, called conversos, and his own experience growing up as a secret Jew in New Mexico, this Sunday at a brunch at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley.

The brunch and Sanchez' talk, called "Secret Jews: Past and Present," is sponsored in connection with the Jewish Film Festival, which is showing The Last Marranos, a documentary about Jews

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scaping trimmed.

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Bud don't accept a simple "yes" if a contractor tells you he's licensed — ask to see his "pocket license." Homeowners have often been misled by contractors who, upon careful questioning, admit that they hold only a city business license.

cense.
Bonie Headlee, director of The Trade's Guild, advises consumers to go one step further: ask what classification the license is in.
"Most consumers are unaware there are over 40 specialty licenses, and a contractor with one type of license may not be qualified to per-

form other types of work," Headlee says. "Aside from not having the level of experience necessary for your job, the contractor may be working illegally."

If you have questions about various license categories or how to check out a contractor, The Trades Guild can help. As a free consumer service, The Trades Guild regularly screens contractors for proper licensing, bonding, insurance and references, and then refers those who qualify to the public.

In addition, Headlee speaks before community-based groups, educating homeowners on what to

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Beal had worked temporarily in a probate research position, which gave her an opening into the legal field. After the divorce she took courses to increase her knowledge of legal resource materials. Planning to put her knowledge to work by working for lawyers, she gradually became aware of how great a need the public has for access to legal information.

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Legal Research. Beal and her clients, always one at a time, spend an hour or more in the law library of their county, where she tutors them on how to find the answers to their questions. Not simply lecturing, she shows them how to use the law library's resources, and helps them as they

do "hands on" research there.

"Mostly, they are very bright people who catch on fast," she notes. Although some of them are interested in working out their own legal problems, many of them do have lawyers but want to check out what the lawyer has said, or make sure that the attorney has considered everything. Some of them, she adds, want to check and see if they have a case before hiring a lawyer.

The interests of people who come to Sonda Beal are many. They research contracts, housing problems and other things not covered by the general publications put out by publishers such as the Nolo Press.

Beal emphasized that she does not and cannot give advice or answer questions if a client reads something and doesn't understand it. Her goal is only to help the client uncover the information that he/she is seeking.

"This method is not for everyone," she says. "It is very inexpensive compared with hiring a lawyer, but you do need time to do the research after the tutorial." And, she adds, "Generally people really enjoy digging up their own answers. They find that the law isn't a mystery for them anymore."

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Teaching ESL is often just conversation, she explained. Often people will have studied English for six years, but cannot speak a word. It is the teacher's job to help them "put their knowledge into words." But, she admonishes, being able to speak is not the same as being able to teach. And the teaching is important. When she started to do legal research, Beal discovered that she was really good at it. "Many people change careers in mid-life," she thought, "Why not me?"

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